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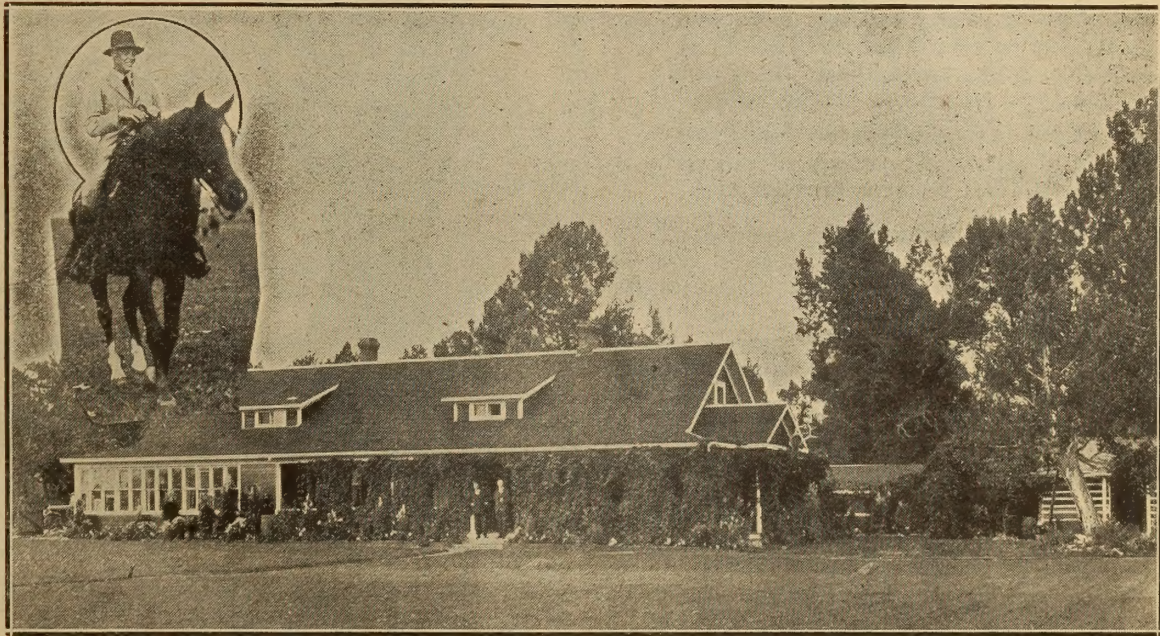
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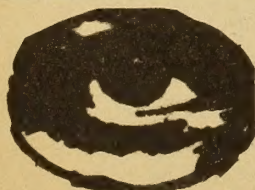
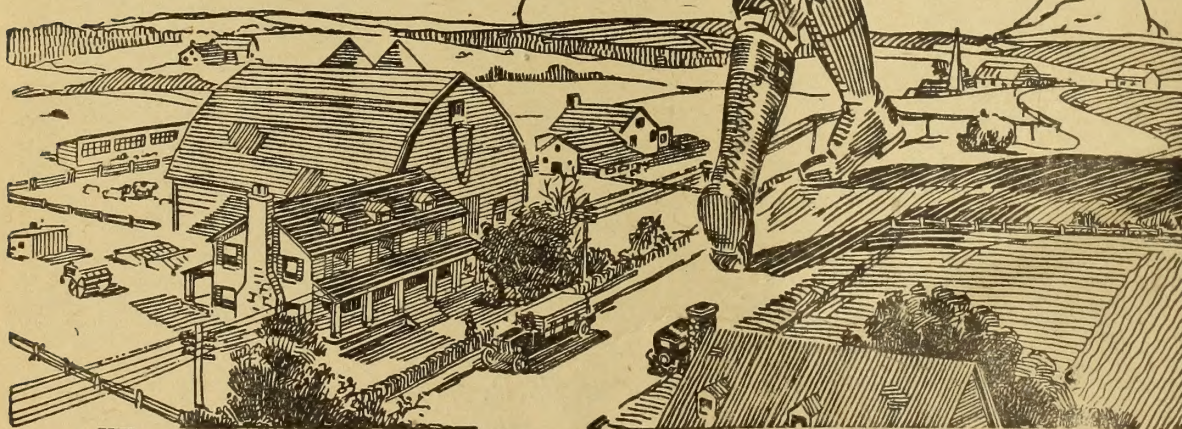
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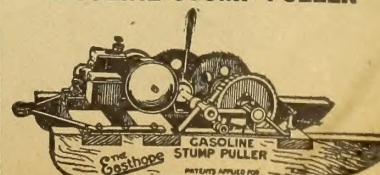
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EDITORIAL

"THE BIGGEST OF THEM ALL"

"The farmer has met Big Business at its own game, and has become the biggest of them all."

These words of Robert J. C. Stead, quoted by the Secretary of the Alberta Wheat Pool in his report published in this issue, epitomize the achievement of the Western Canadian Wheat Pools during the five years which have passed since Alberta first embarked upon the most ambitious experiment in co-operation ever attempted by farmers. It might be added that the Pool has apparently thrived upon an opposition which has recently become more open, and more insistent, than at any previous period in the history of the Pool.

During the past five years the Alberta Pool has handled a total of 217,816,641 bushels of wheat, with a total gross turnover of \$276,350,411; while the gross turnover for the past year was by a large margin the greatest since the Pool's formation. The gross turnover of the Central Selling Agency broke all previous records in the past season, with a total of \$328,847,282.41. For the full story of what has been accomplished by the organized wheat growers, in the greatest of all farmers' busi-

ness undertakings, we refer our readers to the detailed reports appearing in the Pool pages of the current issue.

The comparison of Pool and Grain Exchange prices, prepared with the closest statistical accuracy, reveals the fact that in a season of unusual difficulty, Pool members received considerably more for their wheat than the average price paid to non-Pool farmers. Other figures given by the Pool Publicity Department show that the total acreage signed up under the Second Series Contracts in this Province already exceeds the acreage under the contracts which recently expired.

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FARM LOANS SCHEME

Every two or three weeks during the past summer and fall, the official spokesman at Ottawa has announced through the press that the Dominion Farm Loans Board was about to be set up. The Government have merely been waiting until they could find a suitable man to act as chairman.

These press interviews are becoming monotonous. Surely the Government has had ample time to find a suitable appointee. Is there any valid reason why the chairman could not have been found months ago? If this had been done the machinery necessary to bring the Act into operation in Alberta would have been set up and the loans would now be available.

The Provincial Government, the Federal members, and the U.F.A. Executive have pressed for the appointment to be made. The Ottawa authorities remain undisturbed, in what appears to be masterly inactivity. Meanwhile Alberta farmers are deprived of the opportunity to obtain loans under the Act.

There may be a good reason for the delay, but it is not apparent. Apologetic press interviews are a very poor substitute for the Farm Loans scheme, for which there is a general and urgent demand throughout the Province.

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FARMERS AND THE POWER PROBLEM

The most important and in fact the conclusive reason why Alberta should own and control her sources of electrical energy and the distribution lines, is that broad issues of public policy demand it. What those issues of public policy are, the recent inquiry at Washington has made plain. Even if the farmers of the Province could not themselves hope to benefit directly through the use of electrical power, it would be to their advantage that this natural monopoly should be developed as a Provincial undertaking.

But, as a writer in the current issue shows, it is only under public ownership that the small consumer can expect to

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

REORGANIZE AT TEEPEE CREEK

The U.F.A. Local at Teepee Creek has been reorganized. There are nine paid-up members, with prospects of at least as many more in the near future, states the secretary, W. A. Adair.

BOW ISLAND MEETING

"A special meeting of the U.F.W.A. was held last Saturday evening at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Mack, with thirteen members present."—*Bow Island Review*.

KIRKPATRICK LOCAL

"The Kirkpatrick U.F.A. held its regular meeting last week. The attendance was fair and Mr. Calkins with Mr. J. Monkhouse presided over what might be called a very enthusiastic meeting."—*Coronation Review*.

ENZENAUER AT EARLIE

P. J. Enzenauer, M.L.A., Wheat Pool delegate for the sub-division, addressed a recent meeting of Earlie U.F.A. Local. This was followed by a live discussion on Pool matters, many questions being asked, states the secretary, W. G. Pearce.

BOWLING GREEN WHIST DRIVE

"The Bowling Green U.F.A. held a successful whist drive and dance last Wednesday evening at the school. The ladies' prize went to Mr. Nash who was taking a lady's place at the various tables. The men's prize was won by Mr. Harold Myers."—*Minburn and Innisfree Times*.

VERY MUCH ALIVE

Balm U.F.A. Local is very much alive, writes the secretary, Gerhard Keldsen. Meetings, held on the second Saturday of each month, are generally well attended. During the winter a series of Whist Drives are being held, at which the U.F.W.A. serve hot dog suppers.

JOINT MEETING

"A combined meeting of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. R. Collins on Wednesday last, at which a good deal of business was discussed. It was arranged that the U.F.W.A. will hold a dance at Aunger school house."—*Big Valley Journal*.

MATHESON AT TOFIELD

Municipal organization, school matters, and the power question were the chief topics of an address given by A. M. Matheson, M.L.A., at a public meeting in Tofield, held under the auspices of the U.F.A. Local, says a report in the *Tofield Mercury*.

DANCE AT STANMORE

"A large crowd attended the dance put on by the Stanmore U.F.A. Local on Friday last. The weather being fine, large parties attended from outlying points. Pete Barrett with Miss Ida Walli at the piano supplied the sort of music we expect from them and that with plenty young folk and a generous lunch left nothing to be desired for an evening's fun."—*Youngstown Plaindealer*.

Lethbridge Federal Convention

The annual convention of Lethbridge U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association will be held in Lethbridge, December 6th and 7th, in the Masonic Hall, according to notices sent out by Ernest Bennion, president, and Mrs. Clara King, secretary. President H. W. Wood and Hon. J. F. Lymburn will give addresses. Among suggested subjects for discussion are: Provincial ownership of power; gasoline tax; co-operative buying; the system of taxation; car distribution at elevators; wheat grading; roads expenditure.

HAS DOUBLED MEMBERSHIP

Didsbury U.F.A. Local has doubled its membership for 1928, having now 73 names on its roll. Meetings have been very successful and arrangements have been made for good programs during the winter. This Local during the fall bought over 50,000 lbs. of twine, selling it at cost to members.

DIRECTORS AT LONE PINE

"There was a large crowd in the Lone Pine Hall on Thursday evening last to hear Mrs. Hepburn, U.F.W.A. Director for Red Deer, and George Biggs, U.F.A. Director for the same district. Both gave very interesting and instructive talks on subjects of much interest to the community. Lunch was served by the ladies at the close of the meeting."—*Didsbury Pioneer*.

SANDERS ADDRESSES MEETINGS

A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., addressed meetings at Scollard and Big Valley on November 13th, states the *Big Valley Journal*, speaking at the former place in the afternoon and at Big Valley in the evening. Mr. Sanders' address was confined chiefly to matters pertaining to the roads and schools, besides answering a number of questions at Scollard, about taxation.

BULMER LOCAL

"A special meeting of the Bulmer U.F.A. Local was held on November 23rd. Very

IRVINE ANNUAL MEETING, December 8th

The annual meeting of the Irvine U.F.A. Local will be held in the U.F.A. Hall at Irvine, Saturday, December 8th, at 2 o'clock afternoon. Business: Report of work done by Local in past year; financial statement of treasurer; report of A. W. Johnson, delegate A-1 as to Wheat Pool Convention and erection of pool elevators in district; election of officers of Local for 1929; resolutions for annual convention U.F.A. Edmonton; appointment of delegates for U.F.A. Annual Convention. Every member is requested to attend.

S. WIEDEMAN,
Irvine Local, No. 636. Sec.-Treas.

interesting addresses on sugar beets were given by E. Bennion, of Magrath, and Charles Giffin and Dad Lathrop, of Lethbridge. A delicious chicken supper was served to about fifty people, the proceeds amounting to \$21."—F. F. Dalton, Secretary.

WILLOWLEA PLAN CANVASS

At the last meeting of Willowlea U.F.A. Local, a committee was appointed to canvass the district for more members, writes the secretary, A. Eason. "As two of our members were having trouble with a line elevator," says Mr. Eason, "we appointed three delegates to attend a Wheat Pool meeting at Blackfoot, to report their cases for further discussion. A resolution was carried unanimously asking that all Pool Elevator men be moved each year."

AT SEDGEWICK LOCAL

"A meeting of the Sedgewick U.F.A. was held in H. W. Scott's office on Saturday evening, November 10th. Messrs. Hallum and Andrews gave their delegates' reports of the Viking and Stettler Conventions, respectively. These proved very interesting, and were adopted with thanks. The annual meeting will be held in the afternoon of December 15th. Some very important questions will be under consideration, and it is hoped that every member and prospective member will endeavor to be present."—*Sedgewick Sentinel*.

NEW MONITOR LOCAL THRIVES

Twenty-eight members paid dues in the new Monitor U.F.A. Local, organized on November 17th. D. Nelson was elected president, Thos. Partridge, vice-president, and H. L. Crisp, secretary. The directors are: O. C. Johnson, E. P. Woodrow, A. L. Todd, Alex. McDonald, John Mitchell, Stanley B. King and Roy Baxter. "We expect to have at least one hundred members," writes Mr. Crisp. "It will take a little time, but we are on our way. Our officers are one from each surrounding school district, making a big and broad basis for success."

SPENCER AT VALLEY SPRING

A very pleasant evening was spent in Coal Spring schoolhouse on the evening of November 13th, stated a report from J. A. Waite, secretary of Valley Spring U.F.A. Local. The report continues: "A large crowd turned out to hear H. E. Spencer, M.P., who gave a very interesting account of the business of the last session at Ottawa, and the stand taken by the U.F.A. members. Following this was a Five Hundred drive and special music, until twelve o'clock, when the ladies served lunch. J. F. James, winner of the wheat exhibit at our last meeting, was presented with a smoking set."

GOOD YEAR AT ROUND LAKE

The membership of Round Lake U. F. A. Local for 1928 totals 33, of whom seven are ladies, states the secretary, J. H. Roberts. "Our Local has had a very successful year, showing a small increase in membership, with some of our last year's members returning to the Sullivan

Lake Local. We have done considerable business in the handling of wire, formaldehyde, oils, binder twine, and 2 cars of willow posts, making a considerable saving to our members. Our picnic this year was very successful; a beautiful patchwork quilt, donated by Mrs. Ekholm, was raffled there and realised a very handsome mount to the Local's funds."

OPEN U.F.A. HALL

One hundred and fifty persons sat down to a delightful banquet on the occasion of the opening of the new U.F.A. Hall at Camrose, on November 17, according to a report in the *Camrose Canadian*. The U.F.W.A. Local had charge of the arrangements.

Ivor Wennerstrom acted as toastmaster, and welcomed the visitors, briefly explaining the work of the U.F.A. and of the Local. The toast list was as follows: To the King, J. J. King; Our Guests, Mrs. J. P. Slattery; The Juniors, Gus E. Roose; The U.F.A., Mrs. Ed. Kehoe; The U.F.W.A., J. P. Slattery. Addresses were also given by W. T. Lucas, M.P., Hon. V. W. Smith, and Wm. Irvine, M.P.

ALLEN AT BUFFALO LAKE

"On Tuesday evening the U.F.A. hall at Buffalo Lakes was the scene of an interesting meeting when Mr. Hugh Allen, M.L.A., gave an instructive account of the present work of the Government concerning questions of railroads, telephones, road policy, education, Weed Act, and hydro-electric power development. Mr. Allen concluded by expressing a desire that the body of public sentiment which elected its representatives in 1926 would show its appreciation by supporting them again in the next election. The chairman, E. Carany, then called upon C. F. Hopkins, who made a short comment on U.F.A. work in general and described the convention in Grande Prairie with its future hopeful prospects. Lunch was served after the meeting."—*Grande Prairie Herald*.

GARLAND ON PEACE PACT

That the Kellogg Peace Pact is not worth the paper it is written on, due to the action of many Governments, was a statement of E. J. Garland, M.P., when addressing a teachers' convention at Drumheller recently, states the *Drumheller Mail*. Mr. Garland said that the text of the Kellogg treaty when originally presented to the various countries was so simple that signatures could have been attached without hesitation, nevertheless only one country—Japan—was willing to accept the terms unconditionally. Had the peace pact been accepted war would have now been outlawed, but statesmen called for reservation after reservation, until the whole significance of the text had been destroyed. Mr. Garland urged the teachers to preach international peace to the children who looked to them for instruction on such subjects.

DISCUSS CAR ORDER BOOK

Following a discussion on "The Car Order Book" and the problem arising from the heavy pressure of grain deliveries in the fall, ably led by W. Macleod, of the Wheat Pool, a committee was appointed by the Calgary U.F.A. Local on November 22nd to make suitable recommendations to the next meeting. The committee, which consists of Messrs. Macleod, Mangles and German, will probably submit one or more resolutions on this matter to the next meeting. The discussion proved a most interesting

one, and several visitors were present, including Messrs. Plumer, Hutchinson and Bennett of the Pool Board. A committee was appointed to arrange a debate or discussion on the subject of the extension of the provisions of the Debt Adjustment Act to the whole Province. E. R. Briggs, president, was in the chair. H. B. Adshead, M.P. will speak at the next meeting of the Local, on December 6th.

AT NEW NORWAY

"On Thursday last the New Norway U.F.A. organization held a special meeting to open up the active work of the Local for the winter season. Hon. V. W. Smith, W. T. Lucas, M.P., Wm. Irvine, M.P., G. Roose, Camrose, and R. Rasmussen, of Wetaskiwin, were specially invited to attend and address the meeting. The executive of the Local gave a very enjoyable banquet to the visiting speakers, after which the gathering adjourned to the U.F.A. hall, where the meeting was held. The musical items, contributed by local talent, as well as the speeches of the visitors, were enthusiastically received by the audience. Frank Olson, secretary of the Local, said that it was a great pleasure to see such a good turn-out and spoke of the great need of the farmers to keep active, because there were so many interests that demanded their earnest attention. Much had been done, but there was yet much to do to put farming on a sound economic basis, and it was the farmers' own responsibility to do this. John Lundberg acted as chairman and conducted the meeting in a very efficient manner."—*Wetaskiwin Times*.

News From the U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Conventions

Okotoks U.F.A. Considers the Membership Problem

The Okotoks U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association met in convention in the Elks' Hall, Okotoks, on Wednesday afternoon, November 14th. The chair was occupied by the president, D. S. McIntyre, while the secretary, W. R. Barker, read the minutes of the last previous convention and presented the financial report.

Most Serious Problem

The president in his address stated that the most serious matter facing the U.F.A. at the present time, was the need of keeping up the membership. The whole strength of the movement lay in having a strong body of active workers in each community. He suggested that the meetings of the Locals might be made more interesting and instructive if they were conducted in a more business-like manner. An hour might be set apart for business and the balance of the time used for the discussion of some subject of importance to the farming community, the subject having been decided upon at a previous meeting.

Such questions as the weed problem and the road problem were important matters and would have to be solved by the people themselves, not by the Government. Co-operation in ideas on farm methods should be very helpful.

Officers Elected

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. G. Heaver, De

East Calgary Federal Convention Dec. 17th

To all U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Members in East Calgary Federal Constituency Association.

The Annual Convention of the East Calgary Federal Constituency Association will be held at the Public Library, 12th Avenue and 2nd Street West, Calgary, Monday, December 17th, commencing at 3 p.m.

President H. W. Wood, and H. B. Adshead, M.P., have been invited to address the Convention.

Business will be the discussion of resolutions to be brought before the Annual U.F.A. Convention, Financial Report and election of officers for the ensuing year.

Representation will be on the basis of one delegate for every ten paid up members or major portion thereof in the Association. All Secretaries are requested to send the dues, 25 cents per member, to U.F.A. Central Office on or before December 17th.

It is hoped all Locals will be fully represented and will send as many visitors as possible.

Yours fraternally,
L. LOUISE SCHOLEFIELD
Secretary.

"Good Lord, what is man! for as simple he looks,
Do but try to develop his hooks and his crooks,
With his depths and his shallows, his good and his evil,
All in one, he's a problem must puzzle the devil."
—Robert Burns.

Winton; vice-president, F. J. Gough, Okotoks; secretary-treasurer, W. R. Barker, Okotoks.

Resolutions were adopted asking that the Land Titles Act be amended so that writs of execution would not affect all persons in the same registration district having a similar name, and recommending the institution of a fifteen mile speed limit, within a quarter-mile radius of schools.

The convention adjourned after a vote of thanks had been given to the retiring officers and after a brief address from the new president.

In the evening, Hon. George Hoadley and G. G. Coote, M.P., addressed a well attended public meeting, discussing both Provincial and Federal matters of interest. Solos by Mrs. Dorsey and Miss Macgougan were much appreciated by the audience.

Olds Desire Collection of Dues Through Pools

(By WM. H. HOPPINS)

Keen interest and discussion in which practically all delegates took part characterized the annual convention of Olds U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association, held in Trochu on November 14th. Owing to the removal of the president, Mr. McDonald, to the Peace River district, the vice-president, S. P. Boyd, took the chair.

Nelson Smith, M.L.A., told us all about the Government's work during 1928, as

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News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Delegates Favor Rapid Development of Elevator System

Annual Meeting, in Session as "The U.F.A." Goes to Press, Shows Realization of Imperative Need for Many Additional Pool Elevators

In this Annual Wheat Pool edition of *The U.F.A.* the reports presented to the Annual Pool Meeting are given very fully. This policy is followed in order that Pool members may have an opportunity of becoming fully informed as to what progress has been made during the past year.

Because of the fact that the meeting is in progress as *The U.F.A.* goes to press, it is impossible to give a full account of the proceedings. A comprehensive report of the meetings will be given in the next issue of this newspaper.

The main feature of the session so far is the expressed determination on the part of the delegates to develop the Pool elevator system as rapidly as possible. The annoyance and inconvenience (to say nothing of financial loss) caused Pool farmers by the refusal of line elevator companies to abide by the Campbell amendment to the Canada Grain Act; together with the determined attempts being carried on to discredit Pool elevators; and further the pressing need of providing Pool wheat to Pool salesmen when needed, has created a situation where the building of a large number of additional Pool line elevators is imperative if the Wheat Pool is to function with the greatest efficiency.

There are various other matters of first importance being considered by the delegates. A report of the action taken on these will appear in the next issue of *The U.F.A.*

Election of Wheat Pool Directors

The result of the election of Directors for the Wheat Pool for the forthcoming year is as follows:

Edmonton—Geo. Bennett, of Mannville.
 Camrose—Lew Hutchinson, of Duhamel.
 Red Deer—H. W. Wood, of Carstairs.
 South Calgary—Ben S. Plumer, of Bassano.
 Claresholm—J. Jesse Strang, of Claresholm.
 Lethbridge—C. Jensen, of Magrath.
 North Calgary—R. A. MacPherson, of Delia.

Pool Secretary Reviews Past Five Years' Achievement of Pool Farmers

It looked like a mighty task back in 1923 to extricate ourselves and our business from the circumstances and practices with which we were hedged about; circumstances which were steadily breaking down our morale and practices which were surely driving the farming industry into bankruptcy. There were those who said it could not be done, but hope encouraged the leaders and desperation impelled the laggards, and the Pool was started. How the first giant strides were made and how one by one, during the past five years, the difficulties we have encountered have been overcome, is told in our minute book of a thousand pages, a unique succession of events which it has been my privilege to record. At the termination of the first five year period, as we assemble to review the results of our continuous and combined efforts, I feel it is with pardonable pride that we realize the progress we have made. This progress is manifested in figures and in

graphs in the various reports which have been submitted.

Meetings of Directors

The growth of the Pool in membership and acreage, the rapid development of our elevator system and the ever expanding scope of our general activities has, during the past year, drawn heavily upon the time and attention of your Directors. Almost constant communication is now, of necessity, maintained between Head Office and your Directors. Your Board meets once a month in regular session and special meetings are called when necessary. Since our last Annual General Meeting your Directors have held 38 meetings. Of this number 16 have been special meetings called to deal with some urgent matter which could not be held over until the date of the regular meeting. Please note, however, that this number includes the meetings held to deal with the business of our subsidiary company.

Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited. In conformity with legal requirements, the business of Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, is considered in separate sessions held either before or after the business of the parent association is dealt with. The minutes of the meeting of Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, are recorded in a separate book. All minutes are kept in sufficient detail to provide a comprehensive history of the Pool's operations.

Due to the reasons give above, your Directors found it necessary four months ago to make a redistribution of the work throughout the various departments of Head Office. New departments were created and these new departments have assumed a portion of the duties formerly assigned to your Secretary. Therefore, several matters covered in my report last year will this year be dealt with in the reports of other departments.

You will recall that our Articles of Association were revised at the last Annual Meeting. Resolutions submitted by delegates and Locals suggesting further amendments to our Articles of Association are on the agenda of this meeting. The termination of the first and the opening of the second five-year period involve circumstances which may necessitate further amendments than are now prepared for your consideration.

Membership Centre Shifts North

In the report on membership and acreage (under the Second Series Contract) by sub-districts, you will note that the centre of our membership and acreage has shifted north and that the Edmonton district is now out of balance with the other six districts. A redistribution of boundary lines of districts and sub-districts may therefore have to be considered in the near future in order that the proper quota required under our articles of association may be maintained.

A seemingly perpetual succession of problems, intricate and complex, have been met and mastered since you last assembled in Annual Meeting. Eternal vigilance in our administration and continued loyalty and co-operation in our organization will be the price of continued success. The vigor and persistence with which our members are studying the details of our work is most gratifying. It is significant that over 3000 members have visited Head Office during the past twelve months. It has been my privilege to interview a few of that number and in so doing it has been borne in upon me that there is an ever increasing faith in the virtue of the Pool system of marketing, a growing appreciation of the privileges of membership, less desire to knock and a greater desire to serve and a more unswerving zeal to carry on to greater triumphs of co-operative effort. The balance sheet which is in your hands and which will be considered as the meeting proceeds, demonstrates what the Pool has meant to its members in dollars and cents, but the biggest asset of all which the Pool has brought us does not appear on the balance sheet. It lies in regenerated farming communities, in a higher standard of rural life, in happier and more contented rural homes, and is reflected in the restored confidence of the individual farmer as he becomes conscious of the

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

Gallant Eddie Windsor has a farm the same as me,
Sows his Marquis regular in Spring,
Keeps his eye upon it from his place across the sea,
Gets a full report on everything.
When the fellows asked him if he'd like to pool his wheat,
Gallant Eddie answered up: "You bet!"
Put his "Edward P." upon the little contract sheet.
That's the kind of King we're going to get:

When he gets a bit fed up with laying corner-stones,
When he wants to rest a while and ease his Royal bones,
Coming to Alberta when the binder's going strong,
Thinking of the other guy, and helping him along.

tremendous power of organized and coordinated effort.

The Greatest Effect

This intangible asset—this hidden reserve, or whatever you want to call it, is aptly described by Robert Stead in the closing paragraphs of an article which appeared in the August issue of *Capper's Farmer*:

"But the greatest effect has been the moral effect. No longer does the Pool farmer drive up to the elevator and say: 'What will you give me for my wheat?' He says in effect, 'Ship this wheat to my manager in Winnipeg. He will tell the world what it must pay for it.' The result of that change in attitude is immeasurable. The farmer no longer feels that he is a victim of circumstances. He has become the captain of his soul, with all that that implies in moral regeneration. The stigma that he may be a good farmer, but he knows nothing about business, has been forever removed.

"Now here is the most amazing thing of this whole amazing development. You have been wondering where the farmer gets the men to direct this gigantic enterprise. He raises 'em. Raises 'em right on the farm. Every Director of every Wheat Pool in Western Canada is an honest-to-goodness farmer in his own right. A farmer first, a Director afterwards. Of course he hires his technical help, as every big business man must do. But he himself has gone into business—and made good. . . . He has scores of clerks, hundreds of stenographers. Sky-scrapers filled with people, rows and rows

of desks, batteries of typewriters incessantly clattering for him in Winnipeg, New York, London. He has typewriters and adding machines and computers and dictaphones—working for him. And it has changed his whole view of life. He has caught a new vision, a new hope, a new courage, and a new sense of responsibility. It has made of him a better citizen of his country and of the world. It has bred into his soul something which never will be effaced.

"That is why I say the greatest effect has been the moral effect.

"For the farmer has met Big Business at his own game, and he has become the biggest business of them all! And he holds his head high! He has a right to."

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. GERMAN.

Pool Field Service Notes

H. A. Walters, of Raley, stated at a meeting recently: "I believe that if we did not have the Pool I would not get over 60c a bushel for No. 1 wheat."

Today's funniest story. Here it is—"The machinery which has been built up during forty years to handle your wheat for you." Extract from a grain dealer's bulletin. "Wha's that? Nothin' funny about that? Oh yes there is, Liza. It is all because of a typographical error—the word 'for' should have read 'from'."

A meeting was held at Raley on the 9th of November at which a Wheat Pool Local was formed. An executive was elected including Mrs. Church and the Messrs. H. A. Walter, H. Walter, K. Walter, Darby, Bracken, Flock, Jasper, Finstead, Spurgeon, Davis and Brown. From these are to be selected a chairman and secretary.

What's that old gag about the strength of a chain being its weakest link? Here is some chain, look it over. First the individual Wheat Pool member, then the group of members known as a Local, next the handling facilities, receiving, conveying, delivering the members' product; the central office with its administrative and accounting functions, linked together department after department; and finally, the selling agency, with its ramifications in every country in the world. Some chain!

But the weakness of this chain will be found to be born of that marvellous thing for which the world was saved in the late war—Democracy. Right down on the ground floor will the fault lie, should this chain break, for it is true that all democratic institutions suffer most—

not lack of leadership—but because of apathy, lukewarmness, or the policy of "Let George do it." Many a movement has been kept alive through good leadership long after the masses had given up interest.

That, perhaps, is why so many claim that Democracy has failed. If it ever does fail it will be because there was not enough of it. The remedy for weak democracy is more democracy. That is why a Wheat Pool Local at every shipping point is a vital necessity. The Pool can—nay will—get along without Locals if it has to. The rest of the chain is strong, and the grain trade knows that. But the trade is hitting at the individual on the assumption that to divide is to rule. Line elevator upon line elevator; here a little bait, there a little bait, if you will permit a little paraphrase. So, speed up your Local activities, and if you feel like it, get your field man to help you. He'll like that.

On November 10th the field man attended a meeting at Bar Hill school where a new U.F.A. Local was formed. Some 30 or more persons were present and after an address on the Wheat Pool a number of questions were asked and answered. This district suffered a total loss from hail, but there is considerable interest in the Wheat Pool and the co-operative method of marketing. Martin Jensen, the Lethbridge Northern water-master for the district, was present and occupied the chair. Mr. Jensen is an enthusiastic Pool booster and has sent in a large number of contracts.

STORING 80,000 BUSHELS

Some farmers of the Arrowwood district are storing 80,000 bushels of wheat on their farm and will not deliver until they can put their wheat through a Pool elevator. These men are H. Ward, who has 50,000 bushels, and Thorssen Bros., who have 30,000 bushels.

LOAD OVER PLATFORM

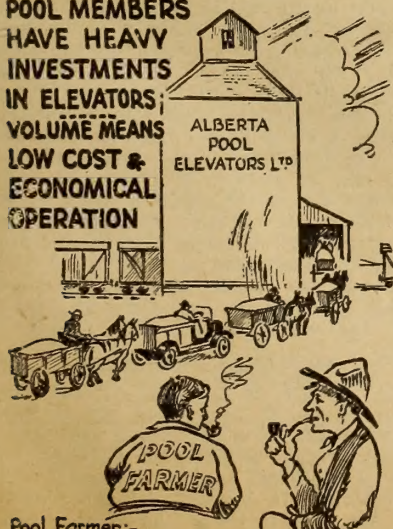
Pool farmers of the Grassy Lake district not having a Pool elevator in their locality, formed a local committee and made arrangements to ship their wheat over the platform. A loader was secured from the Wheat Pool and the farmers co-operated so efficiently that fourteen cars were loaded in five days. The charge of 1c per bushel was made to cover incidental expenses and the hiring of a man to run the loader. If there is any surplus this little association will declare patronage dividend among themselves.

COWLEY

"A very enthusiastic Wheat Pool meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, on Saturday evening, November 24th, when the most interesting address was given by Mr. E. E. Eisenhauer, a Wheat Pool 'shock absorber,'" states Geo. Ribson, secretary. "At the conclusion of the meeting a Wheat Pool Local was formed with the following officers appointed: Chairman, J. W. Fortier; secretary, Geo. Ritson. Directors: Geo. Scottom, A. Betts, L. McClelland, P. S. Burles, and J. Welsh. This Local intends to be very active and will be heard from often."

Reports presented to the Alberta Pool Convention will be found on page 12 and following pages.

**POOL MEMBERS
HAVE HEAVY
INVESTMENTS
IN ELEVATORS;
VOLUME MEANS
LOW COST &
ECONOMICAL
OPERATION**



Pool Farmer:-

"We have over a couple of million dollars invested in our own Elevators! Does'nt it seem a foolish thing to go to other peoples' elevators?"

Alberta Farmers and Electrical Power

Why Provincial Ownership of Generating Plant and Distributing Lines Is Imperatively Necessary to the Primary Industry—Prospects of Power Farming in the Next Decade

By an Electrical Engineer

The writer of this article has been engaged for more than 20 years in electrical construction and electrical business enterprise in Alberta, for the greater part of the time in an executive capacity. He is also thoroughly familiar with farm conditions in the Province. A further article by this contributor will appear shortly, probably in our next issue.—*Editor.*

The Alberta farmer is preeminently a power farmer, and yet probably very few farmers today realise the extent to which they will be using electric power on their farms in the next decade, because there has been little opportunity offered until the present for any Alberta farmer to have an abundant supply of cheap power. Even when he has an abundance on his farm it will take him some time to realise the multitude of uses to which this power can be put.

To start with, there are probably few farmers that have even got the idea of doing their plowing, harvesting, threshing and other farm operations by electric power, and yet in some of the European countries, this has already become an established practice. Many of the large farms there use no other source of power, their farms being wired so that at any point, by the use of trailer cables, electric power can be used at any part of the farm where it is desired. Until some of these methods have been used in Alberta the great superiority of the electric motor as a source of energy as compared with the internal combustion engine, will not be fully realised.

Not a Fantastic Idea

The use of electrical power for all the heavier mechanical operations on the farm does not necessarily involve a very expensive wiring system, but would mean probably, on say a section of land, two or three miles of secondary transmission line. The trailer cable would then be used on a reel on the tractor itself, which would be unreel as the tractor moved forward, and reeled up again as it returned. As stated above, this is no fancy of the imagination, but has already been in practical use for many years in Europe.

The internal combustion engine at its best is a very short life machine and after a few years of service, the cost of up-keep is usually so high that the engine must be scrapped and replaced by a new one. On the other hand, the electric motor, because of the few moving parts, will last a life time, and still give efficient service.

After the farming industry has thoroughly realised the great superiority of electric power in long life and low up-keep, it will come into its own on the farm as it has in practically every other industry. It is only necessary to look over any of the other industries in this Province to realise this; you will see coal mines with the most abundant supply of cheap fuel possible, buying their power from the supply companies, and one of the big factors in this is the extremely low up-keep of electric motors. An example of this can be found in the small margin in price between new and second-hand electric

motors; second hand motors are sold at from 60 per cent to 80 per cent of the original price when new, even after they have been in service from fifteen to twenty years.

Why Ontario Leads

Ontario probably leads the American continent in the use of electrical energy on the farm. This is largely because the policy of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission has been to supply power to the farming industry at cost, while many of the large private companies in the States will not even supply power to the farmers past whose farms their power lines run.

Some of the opponents of public ownership in Alberta have argued that because our settlement is not so close as that of Ontario, therefore, the farmers of this Province cannot hope to reap any considerable advantage from power development for a long time to come. Now this, in my opinion, is remote from the truth. The same argument that is being advanced here, was no doubt used in Ontario years ago when Sir Adam Beck was engaged in his struggle against the power interests of that day, to establish the publicly owned system. For Ontario's rural population is sparse as compared with that of most European countries, and it was no doubt argued that power development was for this reason "premature." But experience shows that Ontario was JUST IN TIME to save this resource for the people.

It is also important to note that although our population is more sparse than Ontario's, each farmer in Alberta is a much larger user of power than his Ontario brother. Therefore, while the

Ontario Hydro will supply power only in districts where the load is not less than three connections to the mile, it is quite probable that as much power could be sold through one connection in Alberta as through three in Ontario.

Moreover, our farmers are more progressive—more ready to resort to new labor, time and money saving devices.

It is during the summer and early fall months, when our rivers are high, that the hydro-plants are giving their maximum power. This is also the period when the farmer's requirements for power are largest. It is also the time when the urban demand is least. The development of a large rural custom for power will therefore help to balance summer and winter demand.

Alberta's Shining Example

A shining example of the efficiency of Public Ownership of Public Utilities is the Telephone System of Alberta, for there is probably no part of this continent where a more up-to-date system is in use, or where so large a part of the population have the telephone service—and especially the rural population. Also, the rural phones are as much of an advantage to the urban dealer as they are to the farmer, and the quality and efficiency of the service is second to none on the continent, and much better than a great many.

In dealing with this phase of electricity in the agricultural industry, it is unquestionable that the only hope of an abundant supply of cheap power on the farm will be through the establishment of electric power for this

purpose at cost. Wherever private companies are supplying energy there can be no object in them making a connection that will not pay a profit. The sole object of a provincially-owned power scheme, on the other hand, would be to give service to the agricultural industry as well as to the urban centres.

It will only require a very superficial survey of what has occurred in the past for any thinking man to be convinced that the small user, (and the farm, even at its largest will always be considered a "small user" when compared with heavy industry), has paid the freight and been at an extreme disadvantage as compared with the large user. This was very noticeable a few years ago when in the city of Victoria the small users were paying 11c for electric light and 3c. for electric power for cooking, to a private company with an abundant supply of cheap hydro-electric power, while under similar conditions the householders in the city of Seattle being supplied from a municipal plant were paying a maximum of 3 cents for light, and their power rates for cooking were a little over one cent and a half. The writer might go on to make these comparisons without end, but the small user of power has always been served best from Publicly-Owned Plants where other factors, such as the amount of total consumption, are equal.

A Common Fallacy

The fallacy that a privately owned plant can be operated more efficiently than a Provincially owned one presupposes that the private owners were themselves managing the business while the survey of the executive office of the two large companies now doing business in Alberta will soon dispel this idea, as practically the entire executives of both these companies are Alberta men that have been engaged in the electrical industry in this Province for some time, some of them having received their training in the municipally owned plants of the Province. These men would be quite as efficient as executives of a publicly owned industry as they are in the privately owned industry. In fact, most of the high salaried officials in privately owned companies will be found to be men who perform little towards the industry but draw their salaries, while the executives consisting of technical men that do the work seldom draw very large salaries. This can be verified by looking over the remuneration of the executive heads of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in Ontario; it will be found there are no high priced executives who do nothing but draw their salaries, while very few privately owned concerns but can boast of forty to fifty thousand dollar per year officials.

Misleading Propaganda

Mr. Yorath, in extolling private ownership of public utilities at the Calgary Board of Trade on November 5th, makes a very unfair comparison between the City of Montreal and the Hydro-Electric of Ontario. In dealing with this matter, had Mr. Yorath taken the average rates paid by the smaller urban and the rural consumers in the Province of Quebec and compared them with the rates paid by the corresponding consumers to the Hydro-Electric of Ontario, all the advantage

would have shown on the side of the Ontario Hydro, and, moreover, this would still be leaving out of consideration the fact that the private ownership in the Province of Quebec had done little towards serving the rural districts or the smaller urban centres, their lines going only where there were large profits to be had. This is probably as it should be, for there is no excuse for private capital being in business except to make a profit, while on the other hand the object of a publicly owned utility is to serve the public. The same situation as in Quebec is apparent in the various parts of the United States where the electrical industry is largely in the hands of private companies. *It is rather interesting to note that not so long ago Mr. Yorath himself was a strong believer in Public Ownership, and so expressed himself. His belief in the superior efficiency of private ownership apparently dates from the time when he entered the service of one of the corporations now competing for control of Alberta's power resources. As Mr. Yorath's function is that of establishing for his company amicable "public relations" it is inevitable that he should take this stand. That is now his job.*

We find that while the average price received by some large companies for the sale of energy may be slightly lower in some instances under private ownership, this average is arrived at always to the detriment of the small user. The large concerns get their supply at a very low figure, while the price to the householder and other small users is comparatively high. This has already been dealt with. The writer hopes in a later article to publish some of the rates charged to the various classes of consumers in both private and publicly owned plants in the various parts of the continent. In the meantime he would again emphasize the fact that farmers, more than any other class, are concerned vitally in the proper solution of this problem, because, as previously stated, they are "small consumers" in comparison with the manufacturing industries, and as such can rightly be given special consideration by a public enterprise that no private corporation would give.

The Farmer's Wife

Public ownership is perhaps even more vitally important to the farmer's wife. She is denied the gas range which is such a convenience to her sister in the city. Why should she not be given the opportunity to use the electrical range, the electrical refrigerator and washing machine and other labor saving devices? The development of electricity as applied to household uses, far as it has gone, is still perhaps in its infancy. Whether the full advantages shall be reaped by the rural community will depend upon the vision, the foresight, displayed in Alberta today in the handling of this great problem of power development by those who are responsible to the people.

Electrification in Rural Ontario

Government Pays 50 Per Cent of Capital Cost of Rural Transmission Lines

A very interesting account of the work which has been done towards rural electrification in Ontario is contained in a booklet issued by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission this year. It is pointed out that rural consumption is but a fraction of the total supplied by the Commission, which in view of the fact that Ontario is to a very great extent a manufacturing Province, is to be expected.

Even in primarily agricultural districts, the urban areas will contain the largest individual consumers, and the urban centres will first experience the benefits of power extension. But the experience of Ontario demonstrates that farmers may expect consideration from publicly owned enterprises which no private, profit-making undertaking would give, because the largest profits are to be made out of the great enterprises which can use electricity in large quantities.

We quote below a few paragraphs from the section of the Commission's publication dealing with rural electrification. Our contributor points out that the Alberta farmer uses more power in his operations than the farmer of Ontario.

The Commission's publication states, in part:

Minimum Requirement

"The minimum requirement of the Commission in this respect is three farm contracts per mile of distribution line. The rural power districts also include hamlets and in these, of course, more customers are secured per mile of line. The results secured in Ontario are not on a comparable basis, and therefore should not be compared with those secured in irrigation districts where the power used for pumping carries most of the capital charges and where, as a rule, the population per square mile is higher.

Rural Grants-in-Aid

"The Ontario Government, having long recognized the benefits of hydro-electrical service to the agricultural industry of the Province, passed, in 1921, legislation authorizing the payment of a grant-in-aid up to 50 per cent of their cost, in respect of rural primary lines on highways throughout the Province; in 1924, the grants were further extended, so that, under existing legislation the Government of the Province of Ontario now pays 50 per cent of the capital cost of the installation of rural transmission lines and equipment necessary to deliver power from the distribution centre of city, town or village to the boundary of the rural consumers' property.

"Concurrently, the Commission has developed and standardized highly economical methods of rural line construction and operation which have substantially reduced the cost of supplying rural service.

"The assistance given by the Province to farmers and rural residents in the form of a grant towards the capital cost of supplying electrical service is in pursuance of a long-established governmental policy.

"A misconception has existed in certain quarters respecting the extent and effect of the Ontario Government's financial assistance with respect to the distribution of power in rural districts. It has sometimes been stated that the Provincial Government pays half the cost of rural electrical service. This is by no means the case, and the grant-in-aid toward the capital cost should not be confused with the rates for service. Having made its grant-in-aid, the Government's participation in operations respecting the property to which the grant applies ceases. Each rural power district administered by the Commission not only pays its cost of operation, maintenance and administration of these lines, but also sets up reserves for renewals and contingencies on the whole of the equipment and lines, as well as providing interest and sinking fund on the investment made by the local authorities.

Rural Rates Are Favorable

"Respecting the cost of electric service to rural customers, the rates are based

upon service 'at cost' and, as in urban centres, are made up of two parts, a service charge and a consumption charge. The service charge depends primarily upon the individual connected load or demand, which feature determines in which of the several classes of service the farmer's contract will be placed. The consumption charge is in the form of a first and second kilowatt-hour charge based upon the cost of power at the point of delivery.

"Although the rates for rural electrical service—due to the service charges necessary to cover annual costs appertaining to the capital invested in lines, etc.—are necessarily higher than in the cities, nevertheless the actual charges for the energy used are very favorable. To the farmer, therefore, who takes full advantage of the possibilities of labor-saving devices and makes a generous use of appliances both on the farm and in the home, the average cost of service, even on the basis of cost per kilowatt-hour, is by no means excessive.

"As typical of the charges that obtain in rural power districts, it may be stated that for the class known as 'light farm service' (Class III), which includes the lighting of farm buildings, power for miscellaneous small equipment, power for single-phase motors not to exceed 3-horsepower demand or for an electric range—the range and motors not being used simultaneously—the gross monthly service charge varies from \$4.55 to \$2.50. For 'heavy farm service' (Class VI), which includes, in addition to the above, power for motors up to 5-horsepower demand and electric range, or 10-horsepower demand without electric range, the gross monthly service charge varies from \$7.35 to \$4.05, according to the circumstances governing in the respective rural power districts. It should be recognized that farm electrical service as given by the Commission is essentially power service, and that in the cities and towns a service charge of \$1.00 per month per horsepower of connected load or demand is charged for power service. In addition to the service charge a consumption charge at two rates is made.

"The first rate ranges from 3 to 8 cents per kilowatt-hour, depending in part upon the wholesale cost of power at the receiving station, and in part upon the length of time the rural power district has been in operation and the average use made of the service. Other things being equal, the greater the average consumption, the lower the first rate. This first rate is charged for the first 14 hours' use of the class-demand rating, which varies with the class demand. For Class III it is 3 kilowatts, and the first rate applies to the first 14 x 3 kw.—42 kw. hours, and for Class VI it is 9 kilowatts and the first rate applies to the first 14 x 9 kw.—126 kw. hrs. The second rate, which applies to all additional consumption, is, in nearly all cases, two cents per kilowatt-hour; in a few districts, it is 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. There is a prompt payment discount of 10 per cent which applies to the whole bill if paid within ten days."

NEWS FOR MR. YORATH

In Battersea, one of the boroughs of London, which generates its own electricity, the consumer can obtain for \$500 as much electrical current as the citizen of the neighboring borough of Chelsea can obtain for \$1350. The Chelsea plant is owned by a private company. This example demonstrates the superior efficiency of private ownership—from the stand point of private capital.

Many Important Issues of Policy for Consideration of U.F.A. Annual Convention

Resolutions Submitted by Branches of Organization to Judgment of Supreme Authority in Association.

In our last issue we published the first list of resolutions submitted for consideration by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in January. A further list is printed below and others will appear in *The U.F.A.* of December 15th. Locals are requested to give these matters consideration at their meetings prior to the Convention.

NATIONAL QUESTIONS

Tariff Policy

Whereas, the following resolution was passed at the last U.F.A. Convention:

"Whereas, the development of the sugar beet industry is a matter of national interest and urgent importance to the farmers located in the irrigated districts of the Province of Alberta, and those portions of the Dominion adapted to the growing of sugar beets, and

"Whereas, this industry is in vital need of encouragement in order that the benefits accruing therefrom shall continue;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Dominion Government be urged to adopt such measures to encourage and stabilize this industry as shall be beneficial to the growers of sugar beets, the manufacturers of the refined product therefrom and the consumers of sugar in the Dominion of Canada,"—and

Whereas, the wording of this resolution can be fairly construed as a demand for tariff protection and would likely be so construed by anyone reading it, and

Whereas, tariff protection as a political or economic system is opposed to the Declaration of Principles of the U.F.A. adopted and confirmed from time to time;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Convention recommend that this beet sugar resolution be reconsidered.—Bow River Federal C. A.

Tariff Policy

Whereas the U.F.A. has always opposed high tariffs and urged reductions, and

Whereas, this declared attitude on the part of the U.F.A. has been taken advantage of by the Government especially in regard to the Australian treaty where reductions were made on farm products as part of this treaty, which resulted in raising the price of raisins to the entire community, assisted our protected manufacturers to obtain Australian markets at the expense of Agriculture;

Therefore be it resolved, that we go on record as being opposed to this juggling with the tariff, which gives appearance of reductions but which in reality means free trade in farm products and higher tariffs on manufactured articles;

And be it further resolved, that this association go on record as opposing any such reductions of tariff on a class basis; that if farm produce is to go on the free list, manufactured articles must be made free also, otherwise agriculture will have been penalized for its Free Trade principles, while its burden of taxation will have been increased.—Camrose Federal C.A.

Tariff and Dairy Industry

Whereas, farmers employed in the dairy industry must pay high tariffs on all goods they have to buy, and

Whereas, because of their belief in lower tariffs, governments barter with other countries in such a way as to obtain markets for protected manufacturers at the expense of dairy farmers, as for instance, in the Australian treaty;

Therefore be it resolved, that we urge the Government to either remove the discrepancy imposed on the dairy industry by the Australian or other treaties, or else remove all tariffs from the goods which the farmers have to buy; and, further declare that free trade in farm produce and high protection in all other industries is an intolerable policy.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

Salaries of Civil Servants

Whereas the salaries of those engaged in scientific and technical research in the employ of the Federal Government are inadequate to retain many capable persons in our Civil Service;

Therefore be it resolved, that we urge that salaries of such employees should be suitably increased, and further that the salaries of those occupying technical positions in the Department of Agriculture should be placed on a parity with technical men in other departments;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the U.F.A. Annual Convention for consideration, and to the Federal Constituency Associations.—Calgary U. F.A. Federal Conference; endorsed various Federal Constituency Associations.

Peace River Outlet

That in view of the rapid development of the Peace River Country we urge the construction of the Peace River Outlet in the near future.—Peace River Provincial C. A.

Interest on Post Office Savings Accounts

Resolved, that the interest rate on Post Office Savings Accounts be raised to 4 per cent, thus helping the small investor and also being a means of procuring money for the Government at a low rate.—Battle River Federal C. A.

Cost of Disputed Elections

Whereas, the recent Athabasca and St. Albert election appeals, and the method of collecting the money to pay the expenses are both unsatisfactory;

Therefore be it resolved, that if there appear to be any grounds for disputing an election, the Constituency Association must put all the facts in their possession in the hands of the U.F.A. legal adviser, and if in his opinion sufficient proof of misconduct is shown, the entire cost of any legal action taken shall be divided equally between the Provincial or Federal Associations, as the case may be.—Battle River Federal C. A.

Indemnity Federal Members

Resolved that we are in favor of increase in the indemnity paid to Federal Members.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

Gambling Devices

Whereas, gambling at agricultural fairs has a very demoralizing influence over young people attending such fairs;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Federal Government to make illegal the operation of gambling devices at the agricultural fairs.—Camrose Federal C.A.

PROVINCIAL

Languages Optional for Arts Degree

Resolved, that in the course leading through high school and university to a Bachelor of Arts degree, the study of languages be optional.—Grande Prairie District Association.

Gasoline Tax

Whereas, one of the principles of the farmers' group is equality and the removal of burdensome taxation from the implements of production, and

Whereas, three quarters of the gasoline used in the Province is used for productive purposes, and

Whereas, the users of gasoline engines are discriminated against in favor of the users of coal-oil and other engines;

Therefore be it resolved, that this convention go on record as favoring the abolition of the present excessive tax on gasoline or the rebate of such tax on gasoline purchased in barrels for productive consumption.—Grande Prairie District Association.

Reckless Driving

Whereas, there is in this Province an alarming increase in automobile accidents endangering many lives and causing great injury and damage to persons and property owing to the reckless and careless driving of automobiles, and

Whereas, we feel it to be in the interests of the Province that the Provincial Government should take drastic action to remedy this situation;

Therefore be it resolved, that we urge the Government of the Province of Alberta to take immediate steps to investigate and put into force regulations dealing with the drivers of automobiles, with the object of making a law uniform throughout the various Provinces of Canada, and to which end we would suggest that upon conviction of careless or reckless driving automobile drivers be punished in the following manner, namely:

For first offence—Fine.

For second offence—Fine and temporary cancellation of license.

For third offence—Permanent cancellation of license and fine or imprisonment.—Gleichen U.F.W.A. Local 101.

Medical Inspection in Schools

Whereas, it has been announced that the School Act will be completely revised at the next session of the Legislature;

Resolved, that we request that when such revision takes place provision shall be made for the extension to rural children of such facilities for medical inspection as are now enjoyed by the children

of towns and cities.—Camrose Federal C. A.

Return of Examination Papers

Whereas, there is much dissatisfaction among High School pupils who fail in departmental examinations, and

Whereas, with the present system they have no idea wherein they have failed;

Be it resolved, that this Convention ask the Department of Education to return to pupils the papers of the subjects in which they have failed. —Macleod Federal C. A.

Examination Fees

Whereas, the present scale of examination fees charged pupils in the higher grades of our schools are, we believe, a detriment to the advancement of education and payment thereof is often an economic hardship to parents of large families;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Department of Education be asked to modify the examination fees.—Macleod Federal C. A.

Examination Fees

Whereas, the charging of fees for examination of pupils in the high school grades seems to be an impediment to the advancement of higher education and is also an economic hardship to the parents of large families in many cases,

Therefore be it resolved, that we are convinced that the Department of Education would be well advised to change its policy in this respect.—Camrose Provincial C. A.

Interchange of Teachers

Whereas, the present system of different requirements for the same grade in the different Provinces of the Dominion makes an unnecessary expense for parents moving from one Province to another and often causes loss of standing for the pupils, and

Whereas, a system whereby teachers from the different Provinces of the Dominion could interchange without further examination, would make for a greater unity for the Dominion;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Departments of Education in the different Provinces to co-ordinate and make this possible.—McCafferty U.F.W. A. Local.

Revision of School Act

Be it resolved that the proposed revision of the School Act should be made along the following lines:

(a) The centralization of the assessment for school purposes in the Department of Education.

(b) The control and supervision of the teachers of the Province.—Naco U.F.W.A. Local No. 328.

Municipal Act

Resolved, that the Legislature change the Municipal Act, so that where an assessed elector is living on rented land in the same division, his wife, sons or daughters shall have the same right to vote as though he were actually living on his own assessed land.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

Advertising Sale of Land for Taxes

Whereas, the present law of disposing of land by municipal districts for taxes, is not in the best interest of the tax payers, insofar as they are not advertised suffi-

ciently in the district of the people who would be the most likely buyers;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Provincial Government to enact a law making it compulsory that 12 bill boards, two for each division, be erected on the main highways of each municipal district, and that all land and chattels sold for taxes, be posted on same at least two weeks before the sale is called.—Battle River Federal C. A.

Increased Outlay for Bridges

Whereas, although large sums of money are being expended on roads in Alberta, the appropriations for the building and maintenance of bridges over the small streams in the country appears to be entirely inadequate;

Be it resolved, that we ask the Government to largely increase the grant for bridges in municipalities where the need exists.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

Power to Regulate Traffic

Resolved, that we petition that municipal councils be given full power to regulate traffic on roads within their boundaries at all seasons of the year.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

Amendment Land Act

Whereas, difficulties arise, leading to disputes, in the ownership of line fences;

Therefore be it resolved, that provision be made in the Land Act for the registration of line fences, in the office of the municipality in local improvement district at a nominal fee. —Bow River Federal C. A.

Municipal Hail Insurance Delegates

Whereas, the present method of appointing delegates to the Municipal Hail Insurance Convention does not at all times meet the principles of true representation, and

Whereas, there are cases on record where the delegates have been agents of old line companies and antagonistic toward Municipal Hail Insurance;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Government be petitioned to pass such legislation as will enable the delegates for the Municipal Hail Insurance Convention to be elected by the postcard ballot, similar to the method now employed by the Wheat Pool.—Gleichen Provincial C. A.

Hail Insurance—Longer Period

Whereas at the present time a Hail Insurance Policy expires on the fifteenth day of September, and

Whereas, a crop is often damaged by hail after this period;

Resolved, that a hail insurance policy should be extended to cover a longer grain season.—Clivale U.F.A. Local.

Psychopathic Hospitals

Whereas, the present system of treating all degrees of mental disorder at Ponoka Mental Hospital is not conducive to the speedy recovery of those suffering from temporary derangement or overstrain, and who do not either in their own interest or in the interest of the public require compulsory restriction of their liberty, and

Whereas, proper initial treatment of many such cases in the right atmosphere would prevent them becoming incurable and a consequent charge on the community;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we urge the Government to provide psychopathic hospitals equipped to give effective early treatment of mental disorder.—Macleod Federal C. A.

Misleading Press Reports

Whereas, the reports circulated in the press as to the extent of frost damage are very misleading, and

Whereas, we believe this is detrimental to the best interest of the wheat growers of Western Canada;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Convention to take such action as they deem advisable to prevent or curtail the recurrence of such reports.—Easterdale U.F.A. Local 942.

ORGANIZATIONAL and GENERAL

Constitutional Amendment—Membership Dues

Resolved, that sub-section 5, of the Section 10, of the U.F.A. Constitution be deleted, and the following words substituted therefor: "The membership fee shall be due on the 1st of December and will be good for one year from that date." —Battle River Federal C. A.

NOTE.—Subsection 5 of Section 10, reads as follows: "The membership fee on whatever date paid, covers a period of one year from that date."

Moisture Content of Grain

Resolved that this Convention urge the Executive of the U.F.A. to enlist the support of the other farmer organizations of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, in securing the right of appeal in respect to the moisture content of wheat.—Macleod Federal C. A.

WEALTH FROM CANADA'S FARMS

Canada's agricultural wealth is estimated at \$7,820,000,000 and the amount of capital invested in agriculture, the basic industry of the Dominion, is about \$3,800,000,000.

CANADA'S CHEESE PRODUCTION

The annual production of cheese in Canada totals about 150 million pounds, of which approximately 125 million pounds are exported, principally to the British Isles.

CANADIAN WHEAT FOR INDIA

Ottawa, Canada.—Another market for Canadian wheat, the excellence of which is attested by the fact that it has won the world championship at the International Grain and Hay Show 14 times in the last 17 years, has just been opened by a shipment of 285,725 bushels from Vancouver, B.C., to India. This is the first time wheat grown in Canada has been sent to that country, which is one of the principal wheat growing countries of the world. Another shipment of 235,000 bushels leaves Vancouver for Calcutta in December.

AIR MAIL FROM ALBERTA

A special Airplane Mail Service will be inaugurated, commencing December 10th to 29th, 1928, both days inclusive, between Calgary and Winnipeg, with provision made for a stop at Regina, where a connection will be made by Airplane to Edmonton via Saskatoon.

Registered mail properly prepaid will be accepted for conveyance on these flights as well as Special Delivery letters which are prepaid with both the air mail postage and the special delivery charge. Only first class mail matter prepaid at the air rate of 5c for the first ounce and 10c for each succeeding ounce or fraction thereof will be conveyed on these flights.

Report of Board of Directors to Annual Meeting of Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates

The report of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool to the Delegates assembled in Annual Convention in Calgary is given herewith in its entirety. This report covers the activities of the Pool during the past year, fully, and is well worth the attention of every Pool member.

Among the important features of this report are:

- (1) Successful campaign for sign-up of Second Series Pool contracts.
- (2) Renewal of agreement covering the operation of the Central Selling Agency for a five year period.
- (3) Efforts expended upon the development of co-operative education.
- (4) Origination and development of a Field Service Department of the Wheat Pool.
- (5) Development of Pool Elevator policy.
- (6) Attitude on Campbell Amendment.

The full text of this report is as follows:

Introduction

In reviewing the operations of the past season and looking forward at the situation as it develops this year, we find a radically different crop to be handled. Last year, as you will recollect, owing to the wet weather experienced during harvest and threshing seasons, the drying capacity of the various terminal points was taxed to the utmost. Much grain was shipped in the "tough" condition, usually without serious loss, but the character of the crop required very different machinery from that necessary to handle this year's wheat. Every effort was made to expand the drying machinery. All the plants were worked overtime and the investment in driers considered well worth while during last season is practically useless as far as this year's grain operations are concerned. Changes in the Canada Grain Act that seemed absolutely vital a year ago are without interest at the present time. One hears very little comment, if any, on the amount of moisture allowed in "tough" or "damp" grains. Railway companies are not requested to furnish cars out of turn to save grain going out of condition which was found to be heating in country elevators.

This season, following an ideal harvesting and threshing season with very little if any precipitation, we deal with practically a "straight" grade crop as far as moisture content is concerned. We find another condition facing us, that is, by far the largest percentage of the grain passing through the hands of the inspectors at the various inspection points show sign of frost. This frost, occurring as it did around the 13th of August, has affected well over 75 per cent of our Alberta wheat. Many of our better wheat districts which usually produce a large bushelage of high grade wheat, find their production radically reduced, both as to bushelage and grade, and the crop that gave promise of being an exceedingly profitable one now bids fair to be rather mediocre as far as returns to the farmer are concerned. He finds himself with a fair bushelage of wheat grading much below the average.

Prices have proved disappointing thus far, especially, might we suggest, to the non-Pool farmer, who establishes the return for his year's labor on the basis of one, or probably at most, half a dozen sales of wheat during the year. The

member of the Pool, however, would appear to have more reason for hope, knowing from past experience that the sales of his grain will be fairly evenly spread throughout the entire marketing year so that changes in world crop conditions elsewhere than on the North American continent will be reflected in the ultimate payment he receives for his crop of grain.

It is very possible that the present crop, owing to the favorable season and the heavy deliveries which have been made, looms larger than it may ultimately prove to be. Naturally buyers are inclined to wait and allow this grain to come to them when they would expect to buy it at prices agreeable to themselves. One comfort Pool members can take from the present situation is that with prices ruling at present levels in the market, *the figure received by non-Pool farmers is so slightly above the initial payments made on various grades by the Pool that many farmers who have not hitherto joined have decided that they would be well advised to join the Pool, accept the initial payment and be in a position to receive the further payments made from time to time by the Pool, often benefitting to considerable extent by so doing.*

The Board in submitting this report feel that it will show some substantial progress. Detailed reports from the various departments will be submitted, your auditors will be available to give their report and an opinion on the standing of the Association and any items that are not clear in the minds of the delegates or members with regard to the reports or operations will be exhaustively dealt with.

Meetings

We have had as usual quite a large number of meetings throughout the Province. The Board has been assisted with these this year by members of the Field Service Staff, the organization of which will be discussed a little later. We have found that misunderstandings arise and develop sometimes into definite dissatisfaction if not dealt with, usually by way of a meeting in which all phases of Pool activities can be intimately discussed, reasons given for certain action and suggestions made by members regarding change in policy. Your Board is convinced that the operations of this Association must be carried on in strict conformity with the wishes of the mem-

bership just as far as that can be done in accordance with existing circumstances which may surround a given situation, and good business principles. Sometimes requests are made for changes in policy by various members or communities, which are found to be impracticable to put into effect at that particular time, and if discussed at a meeting of the members with some representative of the management, changes can be made or the whole proposition left over until such time as conditions warrant adopting it.

A number of meetings have been held among the growers who have joined this Association in British Columbia. While the bushelage in these communities is relatively small as compared with some Alberta points, still these growers have a real problem to solve in disposing of their yearly production and the assistance we have been able to give them by way of finding a market for their grain, whatever the grade or quantity may be, has apparently been appreciated by the growers of British Columbia. Every bushel of wheat from whatever source placed under the control of the Canadian Pool lends just that much more strength to the Association.

Interprovincial Meetings

As usual the Board of the three Provincial Pools has met in conference twice during the year for the discussion of Pool activities, formulating policies regarding questions that affect the three Provincial organizations. These meetings afford a clearing house for ideas and any questions put forward and discussed are dealt with by the Provincial bodies as they deem advisable.

As you are aware, the three Provincial Pools organized the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, (the Central Selling Agency) which has immediate charge of the selling of the wheat assembled by the Provincial Pools. This organization operates under a Dominion charter and by an agreement as to method of operation adopted by the three Prairie Pools, the original agreement which expired with the handling of last season's crop has been renewed in much the same form for a further period of five years. Some satisfaction can be taken from the fact that after five years' operation of this agreement under varying and sometimes quite trying conditions which could not always be foreseen, very little change has been found necessary. We think it only fair to say just here that after five years' close association with the management of the other Pools we have found them ever ready to do their share toward making the grain marketing agency an unqualified success, and any suggestion that this organization would not have continuity apparently is without foundation.

The Alberta Co-operative Institute

Among the institutions that have a bearing on our organization might very naturally be included the Alberta Co-operative Institute held during last June in the City of Edmonton, as one of the forces tending to educate the people in Alberta in co-operative marketing. This is one of the outstanding examples bring-

ing as it did a large number of men from United States, Canada and abroad, into our midst, men who could speak with authority from past experience and give the people of Alberta an idea of the class of men interested in co-operative marketing. This Institute was open to any person desiring to attend and a special effort was made to get a representative assemblage of the people from every part of the Province, so that every district would have one or more persons who would be capable of answering questions that might be asked by their neighbors regarding co-operative marketing which has a very definite bearing on the welfare of the people of this Province.

International Conference

The Third International Conference, held in Regina, Saskatchewan, in June of this year, gave representatives of co-operative marketing another valuable opportunity for interchange of ideas and experiences after another year's trial. These gatherings, encouraged as they apparently are by governments and large commercial organizations, make a very definite contribution to the cause of co-operative marketing, and reach a field and exert an influence that cannot be attained by smaller gatherings. We believe that the time and money expended in organizing and carrying on these conferences is well worth while.

Field Service

The latest branch opened by the Pool, our Field Service division, might be termed "the nerve system of the organization" reaching out as it does and maintaining the closest contact with the membership scattered throughout the Province. Policies worked out in theory and otherwise apparently satisfactory, sometimes need changes when put into actual practice and our field service men, travelling continually as they do, having criticisms offered of methods and operations in use, and suggestions made as to changes which might be beneficial, make a very definite contribution to the harmony of the organization. These men have been able to furnish information in numberless cases where farmers have not had the information they desired before joining the Pool. Numerous contracts have been brought in from large growers after having been visited by field service men. Meetings are held in districts where the sign-up is not all that it should be and quite often the number of contracts is very considerably increased in that district. As indicated in your report last year, the Directors find that more and more demands are made on their time for administrative work and they have been very ably assisted in the country by the men in the field service division.

Publicity

Closely allied with the department just previously mentioned is the Publicity Department whose work it is to disseminate information regarding Pool activities in general, and answer specific questions that are raised by any considerable number of members through the Field Service Department. The Publicity Department uses practically all news channels that are available in the Province, broadcasting stations in Calgary and Edmonton, as well as newspapers in all cities. Practically all newspapers throughout the Province are supplied with Pool information and printed in most issues. Very possibly as time goes on our educational work will have to be extended in some manner so that the coming generation may have a very fair working knowledge of co-operative marketing as it exists

today and so be prepared to work out many improvements which no doubt will be made in future. Our relations with the Alberta Farmers' official organ have been of the very best. It has given us efficient and economical service—exemplifies co-operation as between the various organizations, and being economical, seems to us the logical medium to use.

Contracts for Second Period

It should be a source of considerable satisfaction to the members of this organization to view the standing of the contracts in force for the second period. Apparently the idea developed during past years and definitely put into operation five years ago has met with a considerable degree of satisfaction. Figures from our Contract Department show that more acres are contracted for delivery to the Pool during the coming five year period than we have ever had in the history of the organization. The acreage per member being slightly more indicates that more of the larger growers have joined the Pool, being convinced after five years' experience outside, that the Pool had definite advantages to offer. New contracts are being received at our head office every day in considerable volume, which indicates that the Pool is gaining strength in the minds of the growers every day. Many men only need an invitation from some member to join and every member of this organization should make it his or her business to invite any person who is not already a member of the Pool, to join. The increasing strength of the organization, through additional grain contracted, is very evident to the management of the association, and in order that the present acreage already signed up to the Pool should accomplish the very utmost of which it is capable, no member should allow an acre of wheat to remain outside of the Pool when a contract can be secured covering it.

Coarse Grains Pool

The Coarse Grains Pool in Alberta has not been put in actual operation as

yet. This matter being left to the Board of Directors by the delegates at their last meeting has been deferred until such time as the volume signed up might be some considerable proportion of bushels grown. While our number of coarse grain contracts does not and is not increasing to any great extent, we believe that were a Pool instituted for the coarse grains a considerable number of growers would sign a coarse grains contract who have not done so thus far, even though by far the larger proportion of the coarse grains grown in the Province are used for stock feeding purposes. It is quite probable that a coarse grains pool will be placed in operation for the handling of the crop of 1929, which of course would strengthen to some extent the position of the coarse grains pools in operation in other Provinces, and probably very materially increase the earning through our country elevators, thereby reducing the cost per bushel of the handling operation.

Reserves

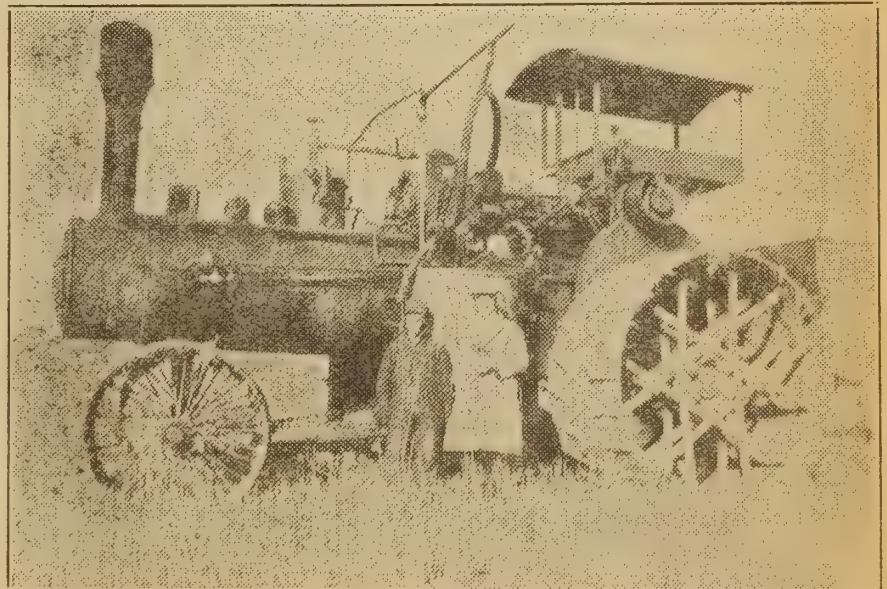
During the past year your Board has decided to include payment of interest on Commercial Reserve along with the interest paid on the Elevator Reserves. This interest will be reckoned as from the 31st of August, 1927, and payment will be made at the rate of 6 per cent on the Reserves standing to the credit of each member on the 31st of August, 1927. These payments will be made as soon after the first of the year as it can conveniently be done.

Local Elevators

Our operation of country elevators during the season closed has proved quite satisfactory, both as far as service and earnings are concerned. Our members who patronized the Pool facilities have had a very considerable degree of satisfaction from the treatment received at the hands of their own company. Our system increased from 160 last season to approximately 300 for the present season,

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Big Power Unit



This large outfit was operated by Whittaker Bros., who farm 3,300 acres of Van Bibber land at Beynon, Alta. Whittaker Bros. are members of the Alberta Wheat Pool. They had 1,500 acres in crop this year. This tractor is one of the largest operated in Alberta. An idea of its size can be gained in comparison with the figures of the men standing in front. These men are Bill Pettinger, Pool fieldman, and the engineer.

Second Series Alberta Wheat Pool Acreage Now Exceeds First Series

Comprehensive Report to Delegates Covers Entire Field of Pool Activities — In Five Years Vast Volume Handled

Alberta Wheat Pool members will gain a fair idea of the activities of their organization during the past year from a perusal of the report of R. D. Purdy, Manager, which is herewith given in full:

During the 1927-28 season in the administration of the affairs of our association, decided additional responsibilities were placed on all departments, chiefly through the fact of our 50 per cent increase in wheat handled as compared to any previous season, and further, very considerable detail was involved in connection with handling work of our renewal Second Series Contracts, including enlarging of our Field Service Staff, and as a result, it was considered advisable to sub-divide our work further by setting up two new departments under the management, namely, Contract Department and Field Service Department.

Our Pool handlings for the past season amounted to 71,116,189 bushels, being 46½ per cent of the total wheat marketed in Alberta, with gross turn-over of \$84,251,664, as compared to 44,287,381 bushels marketed by our association 1926-27 season, which represented 49 per cent of the total wheat marketed, and with a gross turnover of \$54,750,984.00.

In connection with our 1927-28 handlings, 48,083,507 bushels were shipped West, or 67 per cent of our volume, with the balance of 23,032,682 bushels shipped East, and of our past season's volume 27,428,782 bushels were handled through Pool elevators and over the platform, with the balance 43,687,407 bushels through elevators of line companies.

Five Years' Handlings

Over the past five years our Alberta Pool has handled a total of 217,816,641 bushels of wheat, with a total gross turn-over of \$276,350,411.00.

In the 1927 Pool, 63 per cent of our total handlings consisted of grades One Northern to Feed, compared to only 47 per cent of the same grades in the 1926 Pool, thus indicating a considerable increase in the percentage of straight grades over the past season as compared to the 1926-27 season.

Administration costs of our Provincial Pool for the past season amounted to .366 cents per bushel (or approximately 7-20 of a cent) compared to .458 cents per bushel for the 1926-27 Pool. It should be noted in this connection that each year an adjustment is necessary in regard to actual deduction per bushel from each grower, compared to administration costs, for the reason that carrying charges, freight differential and Western premiums are treated as an overhead of the Pool, and fixed administration costs are increased or decreased to the extent of this adjustment. The actual amount deducted, 1927-28 Pool, after including the above items, was .466 cents per bushel (or approximately 9-20 of a cent), while the net deduction 1926-27 Pool was reduced to .347 cents per bushel.

As will be noted from our balance sheet, as submitted to this meeting, our elevator and commercial reserve funds

have now reached the substantial sum of over \$5,400,000. This phase of our organization alone has developed into a heavy responsibility in the proper allocation of deductions, calculation and distribution of interest, and adjustments in ownership which are daily coming to our attention.

Referring again to our balance sheet, the amount of our investment in office furniture and equipment, including cars for a portion of our field service staff, now amounts to \$40,366.78, after full depreciation has been provided for. Careful record is kept of items which enter into this investment, and at all times each equipment is kept in first class condition of repair.

In order to accommodate our increase in staff, and volume of business, considerable additional space was obtained last spring in the basement of the Loughheed Building, which has proven very satisfactory, and now accommodates our mechanical equipment, as well as storage of stationery, supplies and old records.

Owing to increased volume of business requiring the attention of our Edmonton office, additional staff, as well as office space has been arranged for, to provide for the handling of the 1928 crop.

Branch Offices

Mr. Boyle, Mr. Teel and Mr. Green, in charge of our branch offices at Edmonton, Winnipeg and Vancouver respectively, together with their staffs, have rendered very satisfactory service in looking after the interests of our members in all matters requiring their attention during the past season.

Our staff over the past year, including Edmonton, Winnipeg and Vancouver, has averaged monthly 103 members, compared to an average of 89 during 1926-27, and in accordance with standing instructions of your Directors, each member of our staff, apart from stenographic staff, is included under security bond in amounts based on the responsibility attached to respective positions.

During the past three years group staff insurance has been in effect, based on your association absorbing the cost of the life insurance premium, and the staff providing for the sickness and accident premium. Practically 100 per cent of our permanent staff who are eligible, have taken advantage of this protection, and I believe such consideration is generally appreciated by our employees.

During the past season our financial records, along with the general administration of the Pool, have been given close supervision by the management, and in addition the usual continuous external audit has been carried out by our appointed auditors, Messrs. Harvey & Morrison.

I propose to present to you additional information as to more important phases of the work of each department.

Grain Department

During the past summer, W. McLeod, Superintendent of this Department during the 1927-28 season, was transferred to the Alberta Pool Elevators, Ltd., and F.C.A. Clark is now in charge of this Department as accountant.

Work of this Department is largely in connection with recording of all Pool wheat received by the various elevators throughout the Province, and our total handling of 71,116,189 bushels, consisting of 123 grades, was duly accounted for following the close of the season, August 31st. In addition to elevator records, all financial records of our association are under supervision of this Department.

Growers' Department

In charge of R. N. Mangles as superintendent. Our 1927-28 Pool receipts, consisting of 71,116,189 bushels, were posted by the Growers' Department to 44,313 accounts of growers who contributed such deliveries, and from these records first and second interim and final payments were distributed, consisting of over 155,000 cheques, and aggregating approximately \$20,000,000 in amount.

In connection with the distribution of the 1927 Pool payments, 17,454 assignments and claims of various kinds were filed, indicating an increase of approximately 1,900 over the 1926 Pool, which compares favorably when the volume of wheat of the two years is taken into consideration.

Elevator and commercial reserve records are administered by the Growers' Department, and in connection with such work, some 53,000 accounts of growers are involved, and as previously mentioned, these reserves now total \$5,400,000.00.

Last May statements were forwarded to each grower showing the position of his account, and approximately 29,000 cheques, aggregating approximately \$98,000, were distributed at the same time, covering interest for the previous year on elevator reserve funds. Both Elevator and Commercial Reserve Funds are now bearing interest at 6 per cent, and undistributed interest in our hands as at August 31st, 1928, amounts to over \$200,000, which will go forward to our members, along with statements covering deductions for 1927 deliveries, just as soon as the work can be completed, probably early next spring.

In connection with the distribution of excess elevator earnings of Pool Elevators for the present season, arrangements have been made for the Growers' Department to provide in their posting of deliveries of each grower so that wheat delivered through Pool elevators and over the platform will be ear-marked to serve as a basis of distribution at the end of the season, and so avoid the expense and necessity of setting up special records with Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited.

In view of the tremendous volume of cheques being handled each year, involving large sums of money, the necessity for accuracy is obvious at all times, and we consider this aspect is now being satisfactorily taken care of.

Contract Department

This Department was recently set up as part of the administration, being responsible for the handling of all matters pertaining to members' contracts, and details therewith. F. R. Martin has been placed in charge as superintendent.

In October, 1923, our association commenced operation with 25,235 members,

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Development of Alberta Pool Elevator System

The accompanying map gives a fair idea of the development of the Alberta Pool elevator system over a period of three years. The first Pool elevator was opened at Esther in the fall of 1925. At the present time there are approximately 308 elevators in operation throughout Alberta.

Perusal of the Pool elevator map will give an idea of the tremendous strides that have been taken. When it is considered that the Pool system has been developed within a brief three years it must be conceded that a development program has been pushed very rapidly.

Elevator Manager's Report

Following is the report of C. M. Hall, General Manager of Pool Elevators, which was presented to the annual meeting of the Pool delegates:

The Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, or the Elevator Department of your Pool, has really only been in operation three years. The first year three elevators were operated, the second year 42 elevators and the third year 162 elevators. Details of the operation of your elevators during the past three years have been placed before you in the regular manner.

During the fiscal year ended July 16th, 1928, your Elevator Department operated 162 elevators at 160 points in the Province of Alberta.

The total net handling of these elevators amounted to 27,044,308 bushels, or an average of 166,940 bushels per elevator. In view of the fact that a number of elevators were not completed until some time after the crop was moving I consider the total handling as being reasonably satisfactory.

The Elevator Department of the Pool has operated the Dominion Government Terminal at Prince Rupert, also Terminal No. 2 leased from the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners. Handling at Prince Rupert amounted to 8,001,428 bushels, and that at Vancouver 15,663,473 bushels. In view of the total quantity of wheat exported from these two ports, as well as the number of country elevators that we had in operation, I am personally satisfied with the showing that these two points have made.

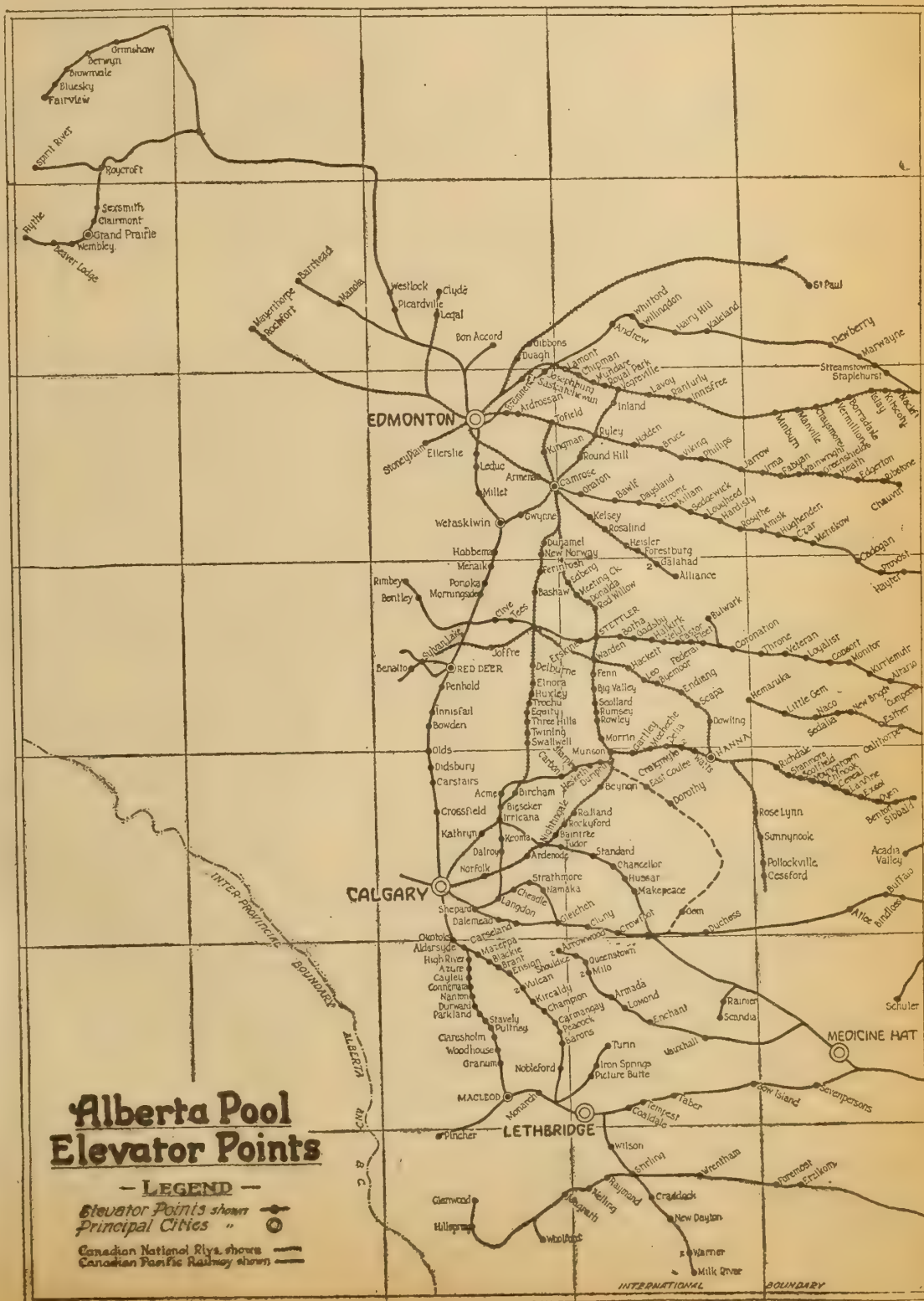
The Pool have a lease on the Prince Rupert Terminal for five years and on Vancouver Terminal No. 2 for four years including the present season.

The balance sheet submitted indicates that the net result of the year's operations is a saving to the members of the Pool who patronized their own

facilities of \$979,088.76. This has been practically all distributed to the members of the Pool who patronized their own facilities in accordance with instructions of the delegates issued at their Special General Meeting held on May 29th, 30th and 31st, 1928, details of which have been placed before you by your board of directors.

Before arriving at the net savings outlined just previously there was deducted therefrom, interest on the total elevator reserve of 6 per cent per annum, depreciation on all properties at 5 per cent, and all general expenses of operation plus a portion of Directors' and publicity fees that occurred throughout the year. Of the total of 27,044,308 bushels

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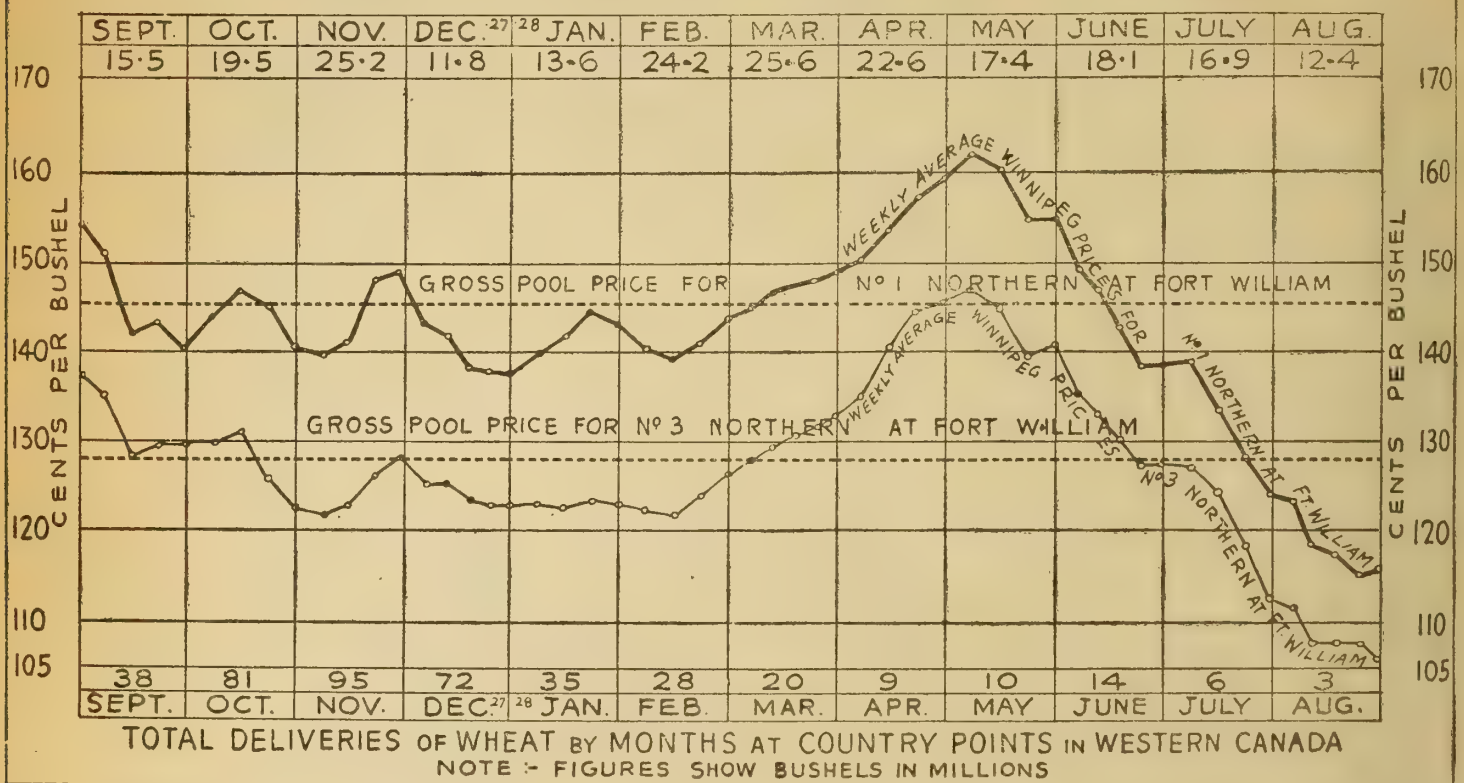


The Truth About Grain Prices

Pool and Non-Pool

COMPARISON OF WHEAT POOL AND GRAIN EXCHANGE PRICES, 1927-28.

WHEAT POOL SALES BY MONTHS. NOTE:—FIGURES SHOW BUSHEL IN MILLIONS.



The above chart presents a comparison of Pool and open market wheat prices during the 1927-28 crop year. The two curved lines represent the Winnipeg weekly average closing prices basis Fort William, for 1 Northern and 3 Northern wheat. The two dotted horizontal lines represent the gross Pool prices for 1 Northern and 3 Northern wheat, received by the Central Selling Agency of the Wheat Pool, basis Fort William.

The Pool gross price is obtained by adding 2 3-4 cents to the net price—\$1.42½ and \$1.25½ for 1 and 3 Northern respectively—paid by Central to the Provincial Pools. The actual cash outlay by Central for interest, storage, administration and operating expenses was 2½ cents a bushel. By this method the Pool price is placed on a fair basis of comparison with the gross Grain Trade price.

Sales of wheat by the Canadian Pool are given in millions of bushels by months at the top of the chart. The total deliveries of wheat at country points in Western Canada are given in round millions of bushels by months at the bottom of the chart.

As the chart clearly shows, THE OPEN MARKET PRICE WAS MATERIALLY LOWER THAN THE POOL PRICE DURING PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF HEAVY COUNTRY DELIVERIES.

FROM OCTOBER 21, 1927, TO MARCH 2, 1928—DURING WHICH TIME THE OPEN MARKET PRICE WAS CONSIDERABLY BELOW THE POOL PRICE—289,000,000 BUSHEL OF WHEAT, OR SEVENTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DELIVERIES DURING THE ENTIRE CROP YEAR WERE DELIVERED AT COUNTRY POINTS.

The relatively light sales by the Pool during this period of low prices explains in large measure the fact—clearly shown by the chart—that POOL MEMBERS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THE AVERAGE PRICE PAID NON-POOL FARMERS.

During the greater part of the period March to June—when the open market price was above the Pool price—deliveries were but 44,000,000 bushels or 10.2 per cent of the total deliveries, while Pool sales during the same period were 70,000,000 bushels or 33 per cent of the Pool's total receipts for the crop year.

The Wheat Pool returns all money received from the sale of its members' wheat, after deducting operating expenses and reserves for building Pool elevators and for providing operating capital, to the Pool member.

All excess elevator earnings are returned to the Pool member who delivers his wheat to Pool elevators. FROM THE 1927-28 ELEVATOR OPERATIONS NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS WAS THUS DISTRIBUTED DIRECT TO THE PRODUCERS OF ALBERTA.

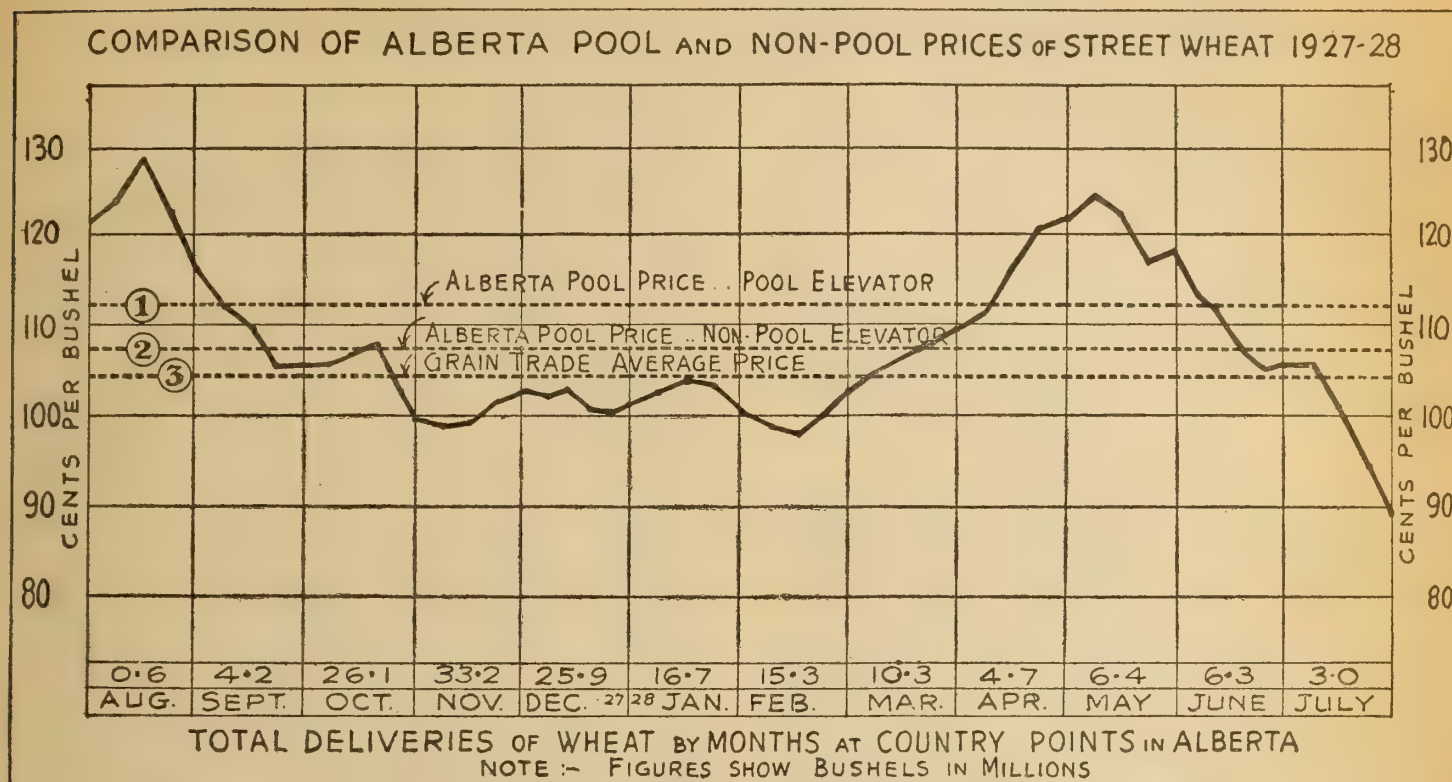
The Wheat Pool, by turning back to the wheat producers these large sums that otherwise would be diverted elsewhere, is materially aiding in increasing prosperity on Alberta farms, and also in Alberta's villages, towns and cities.

Furthermore, the Wheat Pool is the one dominant grain selling organization that is always seeking to protect the wheat market and get better prices for Canadian wheat.

The overwhelmingly successful sign-up of Pool Contracts for a second five-year term by the Wheat Producers of Alberta has effectively indicated that our farmers desire that the Pool system of handling and selling wheat be made a permanent institution in Western Canada.

The Truth About Grain Prices

Pool and Non-Pool (Street Wheat)



1. This line represents the net price paid to Pool members who delivered 3 Nor. wheat to Alberta Pool elevators at 22c Vancouver freight point.

2. This line represents net price paid to Pool members who delivered 3 Nor. wheat to non-Pool elevators at 22c Vancouver freight point.

3. Grain Trade price for 3 Northern at 26c Fort William freight point.

NOTE.—The Grain Trade buys "street" wheat on Fort William basis, while Pool members are paid on a Vancouver basis if the rate is lower to Vancouver than to Fort William.

NOTE.—The 3 Northern grade is selected for the reason that the bulk of the 1927 crop was of that grade.

The above chart represents a comparison of the prices paid for street wheat by the Pool and the Grain Trade during the 1927-28 crop year. Street wheat, or wheat sold in wagon lots, comprises approximately fifty per cent of all non-Pool wheat.

The black curve represents the weekly average price paid for non-Pool 3 Northern wheat at a 26c Fort William freight rate point. The figures are taken from the daily price lists used by practically all grain companies in Alberta—the lists issued by the Western Grain Dealers' Association, of the Calgary Grain Exchange.

The Grain Trade price is a true (or weighted) average obtained by taking the volume of wheat delivered in Alberta during each of the fifty-two weeks and multiplying it by the average weekly price given in the Western Grain Dealers' price lists for the corresponding week, adding the fifty-two values thus obtained and dividing the total value by the total deliveries.

DON'T OVERLOOK THIS

At the foot of the second column on this page is a table showing a comparison of Pool and Grain Trade Street Prices. After studying it, note that the Western Grain Dealers' average discounts under straight 1 Northern for Tough, Rejected and Smutty 1 Northern wheat were 8 3-5c, 15 1/4c, and 17 3-5c per bushel respectively. The corresponding Pool discounts were: 3 1/4c on Tough and 8 1/4c on Rejected.

The Pool average discount for Tough, Rejected and Smutty

under straight grade, for 1 Northern to Feed wheat were 4 1/2c, 6 1/2c and 8c respectively.

The high margins in the Pool's favor shown here are typical of the margins between the Pool and Grain Trade street prices for many other grades.

ON TOUGH WHEAT ALONE NON-POOL FARMERS LOST A SUM RUNNING INTO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AS APPROXIMATELY 180,000,000 BUSHEL OF THE 1927-28 WHEAT CROP WAS CLASSIFIED AS "NO-GRADE" DUE TO EXCESSIVE MOISTURE.

Comparison of Pool and Grain Trade Street Prices, Crop Year 1927-28

Grade	Weighted Average Grain Trade Price	Pool Price	Pool Margin above Grain Trade (cents per bushel)
1 Northern	\$1.18 3-4	\$1.24 3-10	5 11-20
2 Northern	1.13 1-2	1.17 4-5	4 3-10
3 Northern	1.03 1-2	1.07 3-10	3 4-5
No. 4	.92 3-5	.95 4-5	3 1-5
No. 5	.80 7-10	.82 3-10	1 3-5
No. 6	.70 2-5	.73 4-5	3 2-5
Feed	.63 1-5	.66 3-10	3 1-10

NOTE.—Alberta Pool members who delivered their "street" wheat through Alberta Pool elevators received an additional 4c, and in their case the total price is 4c greater than the total given above

Activities of Pool Central Selling Agency Are Rapidly Expanding

Wheat from 1927 Crop Well Handled Considering Conditions—Organization Has Huge Turnover During Year—Full Report of Year's Operations

The past year was an exceedingly strenuous one for the Central Selling Agency of the Canadian Wheat Pools. The total wheat handled for the year was over two hundred and fifteen million bushels, with a great deal of damp and tough wheat, frozen wheat, rusted wheat and low protein content crop generally, as well as increased world production, adding to the troubles of the Selling Agency. The very satisfactory results achieved, the Pool winding up its year without any carryover and paying Pool members \$1.42½, basis No. 1 Northern at Fort William and Vancouver, was another triumph for the co-operative marketing method by which the bulk of Canadian wheat is now marketed.

Value of Branch Offices

The large increase in Pool handlings has demonstrated the value of the Pool's branch offices—savings of approximately three hundred and forty thousand dollars have been effected by having handling services performed by the Pool's own staff instead of outside agencies.

The London office opened last year, under the charge of D. L. Smith, is of the highest value in keeping the Pool in close touch with its European agents and the market situation generally. The Pool's Paris office operated on a quasi-agency basis is in direct touch with the majority of French mills, so that the bulk of Canadian wheat imported into France is sold by the Pool.

For the purpose of giving managers of the branch offices on this continent a thorough knowledge of every line of Pool activity, a conference of all the branch offices from New York to Prince Rupert was held last September at the head office, Winnipeg.

The Central Selling Agency is building up a statistical service which keeps the directors and sales force at all times well informed on crop conditions and yields in all wheat producing countries. The fine co-operation shown by Pool officials in all three Provinces makes it possible for the Pool to keep a close and accurate check on crop conditions throughout the West.

A Research Department is being organized to work on some of the numerous problems met with in the process of marketing grain. A laboratory with competent chemists in charge will be installed in the new Pool building in Winnipeg. The Research Department will work in conjunction with the National Research Council of Canada which has undertaken at the request of the Pool some far-reaching investigations into the effect of frost on wheat, and has just concluded, with the co-operation of the Western Universities, a comprehensive study into the problem of properly treating damp and tough wheat.

The strength of the Canadian Wheat Pools at home is in their

diversity. Each Provincial Wheat Pool is entirely self-governing, with its own methods of organization, its own elevator policy, its own system of management.

Strength of Pools Abroad

The strength of the Canadian Wheat Pools abroad is in their unity. All the hundreds of millions of bushels of wheat delivered to their Provincial Pools is sold by the Pools' Central Selling Agency as if it had all been produced by one farmer and stored in one bin.

In their organization and in collecting their wheat from their members, the Pools adopt a Provincial policy. In selling their wheat, Provincial boundaries are entirely disregarded. As the Central Selling Agency is a subsidiary of the three Wheat Pools of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and is owned outright and controlled by these three Pools, it grows with the growth of these Pools, and its development has kept pace with the astonishing progress of these main bodies.

Joined together in this Inter-provincial Central Board the three Pools are bound together in a "three-fold cord that is not quickly broken."

In keeping with the Pool's policy of giving Pool members all possible information regarding its operations, the report of Central's activities is herewith printed. This report contains a great deal of information and is worthy of close perusal by the membership:

DIRECTORS' REPORT, CENTRAL SELLING AGENCY, 1927-28

Your Directors submit herewith the Balance Sheet of the Company as at 31st August, 1928, a statement of the operation and completion of the various Pools operated during the

Central Board of Directors---Canadian Wheat Pool



Seated—E. B. Ramsay, General Manager and Secretary; H. W. Wood, President Alberta Wheat Pool and Vice-President Canadian Wheat Pool; A. J. McPhail, President Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and President Canadian Wheat Pool; C. H. Burnell, President Manitoba Wheat Pool.

2nd Row—Brooks Catton, Saskatchewan; Paul Bredt, Manitoba; Stuart Gellie, Manitoba; C. Jensen, Alberta
Back Row—L. C. Brouillette, Vice-President Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; R. A. MacPherson, Alberta; George McIvor, General Sales Manager, Central Selling Agency.

year, together with statements showing the final results of the 1926-1927 Pools. A statement of the administrative costs of the Company during the year is also appended for your information.

CROP CONDITIONS 1927

The crop garnered by the Western farmer was an even more complex one from a marketing standpoint than that of the previous year. It was perhaps a crop of the lowest relative quality that Canada has ever produced, as the same high proportion of tough and damp grain was received in all three Provinces due to the wet harvest weather. In addition to grain damaged by frost, rust and natural causes the quality of the crop generally was below par. The average of protein content was only 11.8 per cent as compared to a usual 13.5 per cent. Details as to protein content of various crops and grades have been obtained from Dr. F. J. Birchard of the Dominion Grain Research Laboratory. These tests, however, are not sufficiently comprehensive to be conclusive, but indicate in a general way the value of the respective wheats.

The operations of the Pool had to be based on an increased world production and the results attained are, we believe, satisfactory from every point of view. The figures for world production taken from Broomhall's during the years of the Pool's existence, and the average Pool price are as follows:

Year	World Production (Bushels)	Average Pool Price 1 Northern, Ft. William
1923-24	3,792,080,000	\$1.01
1924-25	3,411,760,000	1.66
1925-26	3,886,000,000	1.45
1926-27	4,171,000,000 (Revised Figure)	1.42
1927-28	4,207,000,000	1.42½

The fact that the exportable surplus of the Canadian crop is 39.56 per cent of the world exportable surplus of wheat explains in a large measure why the control of the sale of this wheat by our organization is able to influence world prices and eliminate speculation.

DELIVERIES 1927-1928

Wheat

Deliveries by the Provinces to this Organization for sale during the season were 209,871,373 bushels.

Some interesting facts are to be noted in respect to the deliveries of grain to the Central Selling Agency, two major developments having taken place during the year. The development of Pacific Coast ports is of vast importance insofar as it promises to relieve the Eastern route for winter sales and is competing successfully with the Atlantic seaboard ports. The reduction in rates over the mountains and the increasing facilities available at the Pacific terminals are the chief factors in the situation. No doubt an increasing proportion of Alberta Wheat will find an outlet through this route and we are taking every care to develop our organization in order to meet the changing conditions.

Another interesting fact is the growth of country facilities and the increasing volume of grain being delivered to us through this medium. In the appendix to this report we give a table showing the development in this regard in the three Provinces since the commencement of Pool operations.

Total deliveries in the Western Inspection Division are 407,074,207 bushels, of which 209,871,373 bushels were delivered to the Pool, or 51.55 per cent of the total.

Monthly Sales

Deliveries were made to the Provincial Pools by months and sales effected by the Central Selling Agency as follows:

	Manitoba Pool	Saskatchewan Pool	Alberta Pool	Total Bushels	Sales Bushels
1927					
September.....	1,566,876	4,756,552	432,470	6,755,898	15,447,000
October.....	4,026,962	26,253,136	5,065,659	35,345,757	19,502,000
November.....	2,553,911	38,409,835	17,147,472	58,111,218	25,242,000
December.....	1,646,086	25,590,920	13,349,974	40,586,980	11,789,000
1928					
January.....	571,029	13,861,868	9,714,296	24,147,193	13,657,000
February.....	263,069	7,765,357	10,032,059	18,060,485	24,192,000
March.....	200,156	3,202,890	5,224,445	8,627,491	25,594,000
April.....	76,682	1,512,550	1,903,388	3,492,620	22,592,000
May.....	106,536	1,803,180	2,406,464	4,316,180	17,430,000
June.....	97,382	2,253,666	2,522,644	4,873,692	18,100,000
July.....	83,735	1,609,093	2,148,340	3,841,168	16,987,000
August.....	1,955	540,447	1,170,289	1,712,691	12,376,534
Totals.....	11,194,379	127,559,494	71,117,500	209,871,373	222,908,534

N.B.—These figures include the 1926-1927 carryover as shown in our report of a year ago

The Pool was closed for the year on the 16th July, subsequent deliveries being received into the 1928-1929 Pool.

Deliveries of Major Grades

The major grades of wheat delivered to the Central Selling Agency were as follows:

Grade	Bushels	Grade	Bushels
1 Northern.....	2,518,537	Tf. 1 Northern....	508,371
2 Northern.....	18,795,758	Tf. 2 Northern....	7,681,961
3 Northern.....	61,034,368	Tf. 3 Northern....	38,575,692
No. 4.....	28,521,579	Tf. No. 4.....	17,925,715
No. 5.....	10,945,725	Tf. No. 5.....	5,193,325
No. 6.....	6,081,599	Tf. No. 6.....	2,228,532
Feed.....	2,135,625	Tf. Feed.....	626,656
1 Durum.....	6,621		
2 Durum.....	691,221	Other Grades.....	12,018,278
Total.....	215,489,563		

N.B.—Including Local Purchases.

Our policy last year in view of the comparatively low intrinsic value of the crop and the possibility of a high quality crop being harvested was to keep well sold up. Nothing happened during the year to make us alter this policy and as a result we go into the new crop year with no carryover.

Exports During Season

Our exports during the season under review were as follows:

	Eastern	Western	Total Bushels
Belgium.....	7,296,200	3,121,000	10,417,200
China and Japan.....		10,612,500	10,612,500
Denmark.....	346,000		346,000
France.....	3,815,653	1,264,000	5,079,653
Germany.....	8,527,200	3,277,000	11,804,200
Greece.....	3,210,000		3,210,000
Holland.....	10,391,840	5,905,000	16,296,840
Ireland.....	926,400	220,000	1,146,400
Italy.....	12,700,000	3,030,000	15,730,000
Latvia.....	36,000		36,000
Mexico.....		33,000	33,000
Norway.....	1,062,000		1,062,000
Portugal.....	544,000	558,000	1,102,000
Russia.....	548,000		548,000
Sicily.....	4,000		4,000
South Africa.....	30,000		30,000
Spain.....	474,133		474,133
Sweden.....	660,000	19,000	679,000
United Kingdom.....	22,883,600	13,297,290	36,180,890
	73,455,026	41,336,790	114,791,816

NOTE—Grain shipped to twenty countries comprising sixty-eight ports.

ORIENTAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT

The possibility of expanding the market for Canadian wheat in the Orient has been engaging the attention of your Board during the past season. A very satisfactory market for the lower grades is gradually developing in China and Japan. It is probable that we shall take some steps in the near future to maintain a closer touch with these markets with a view to their further development. Improved political conditions in China give point to her possibilities as an importer of food-stuffs.

AVERAGE PRICES

Western Wheat: The average net price received for the wheat in the 1927-1928 Pool was \$1.42½ basis 1 Northern, Fort William. You have already been advised of the spreads on the lower grades.

(In the case of Alberta members payment was made on Vancouver basis.)

We have always published our net prices, and for your information would state that the gross sales price for the season was \$1.45. The net price is arrived at as follows:

Gross Fort William Price.....	\$1.45
Deduct—	
Storage Charges on Stocks.....	.01½
Interest and Bank Charges.....	.01
Cost of Selling Office (Gross).....	.00½ .02½
Net Price to Provincial Pools.....	\$1.42½

Ontario Wheat: The net average price returnable by us to the United Farmers Co-operative Company, Limited

(Ontario Grain Pool) on their wheat deliveries was \$1.32½ basis 1 and 2 Red.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

Calgary

Our Calgary office is the main office of the Western Division. All shipments destined for the Western route are received and dealt with there. Sales are made direct by our Western Sales Manager, O. Z. Buchanan, in conformity with our general sales policy which is controlled from Winnipeg.

During the past season there were 49,396,729 bushels delivered to this office, of which 41,336,790 bushels were exported direct and 8,059,939 bushels sold on the domestic market.

The details of the Western handlings are as follows:

	Bushels
Sales to Local Mills, etc.....	3,912,500
Shipments to Vancouver.....	37,536,784
Shipments to Prince Rupert.....	7,947,445
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	49,396,729

Vancouver

During the season our office at this port handled the following volume:

	Bushels
Cleared for shipment.....	33,400,542
Delivered on contracts.....	4,136,242
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	37,536,784

This office also attends to the chartering of our ocean freight for Pacific shipments and during the season booked a total of 747,057 tons.

Prince Rupert

Shipments of 7,947,445 bushels were made through this port during the season, as follows:

	Bushels
Cleared for shipment.....	7,936,248
Delivered on contracts.....	11,197
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	7,947,445

Montreal

Our office for this port was opened and ready for business on the 1st September last year. Their handlings for the season were 47,236,388 bushels.

In addition we made direct sales of grain through it of:

	Bushels
Wheat.....	734,789
Coarse Grains.....	1,221,768
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	1,956,557

New York

Our office at this port handles our shipments over the U.S. seaboard. Their operations over the past season have been restricted to some extent as mentioned elsewhere, owing to the competition of Vancouver as a winter port. Their handlings for the past season were as follows:

	Bushels
Cleared for shipment.....	28,800,373

Toronto

The office in Toronto is a sales office and through it we have built up a valuable connection with Eastern mills chiefly located in Ontario. Sales for the past season were as follows:

	Bushels	Tons
Wheat.....	9,903,283	
Coarse Grains.....	986,078	
Screenings.....		2,228
Ontario Pool.....	1,490,473	
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	12,379,834	2,228

London

You were advised in our last year's report of our opening a London Office under the charge of D. L. Smith. During the past year we have used the same very largely as a means of keeping in close touch with our various agencies in Europe and with the trend of events affecting our business generally. We look for considerable development there in the future.

Paris

This office has been operated on a quasi-agency basis and has been the means of getting in direct touch with a large number of the small mills in France. During the past year

our sales through this medium were 5,162,826 bushels, as follows:

	Bushels
Atlantic.....	4,183,408
Pacific.....	979,418
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	5,162,826

FINANCE

The gross turnover of the Company for the year amounted to \$323,847,282.41, from the following sources:

Realization of 1926-1927 Inventory—gross..	\$ 15,548,063.73
Gross Proceeds of Wheat Sales.....	289,286,476.88
Gross Proceeds of Oats Sales.....	4,178,118.20
Gross Proceeds of Barley Sales.....	6,159,485.12
Gross Proceeds of Flax Sales.....	2,680,982.02
Gross Proceeds of Rye Sales.....	3,478,331.40
Gross Proceeds a/c Ontario Pool.....	2,515,825.06
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	\$323,847,282.41

We are pleased to be able to report that satisfactory relations have been maintained during the year with the Canadian banks and that we have at all times been able to obtain adequate finance to meet our requirements.

Following up our custom of financing conservatively we have retained margins on our payments to the Provincial Pools that not only meet the requirements of our bankers but that also fully protect the farmers' interests against any extraordinary conditions in the world's markets.

PUBLICITY AND STATISTICS

Publicity

During the year we have maintained a Department under this heading, which has been charged with the work of placing the facts about our organization before those interested. Enquiries are received in the course of a year from every country in the world, from Governments interested in the development of Co-operative Marketing in order to protect the interests of their producers, from Co-operative organizations of the same character as our own, from organizations devoted to co-operation in the interests of consumers, from the press all over the World and also from students of the Co-operative Movement generally.

The arrangements for the holding of the Third International Wheat Pool Conference at Regina on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June, 1928, were largely in the hands of our Publicity Director and as the results and proceedings are the subject of a separate report it is not necessary to deal with it other than to emphasize the beneficial effect of such conferences on the Co-operative Movement generally.

A similar meeting was held during the year at Edmonton under the auspices of the Trustees of the Wheat Board Surplus and was of great interest to the Alberta Co-operative section. A proposal to extend the scope of this gathering to include the rest of Canada is under consideration.

Many eminent men prominent in the affairs of their respective countries have either been met or have called upon us during the year and we have pleasure in recording our appreciation of the courtesy extended to the organization generally.

The Department has also kept in touch with the various press notices regarding our Organization, which appear in the papers all over the world, and where an apparent misunderstanding existed, taken pains to put the facts of the case before the authors with satisfactory results. What little adverse propaganda has appeared in the public press has been ignored.

Statistics

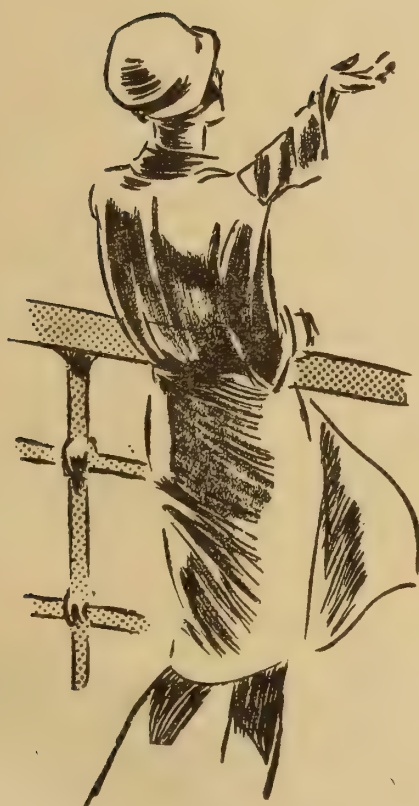
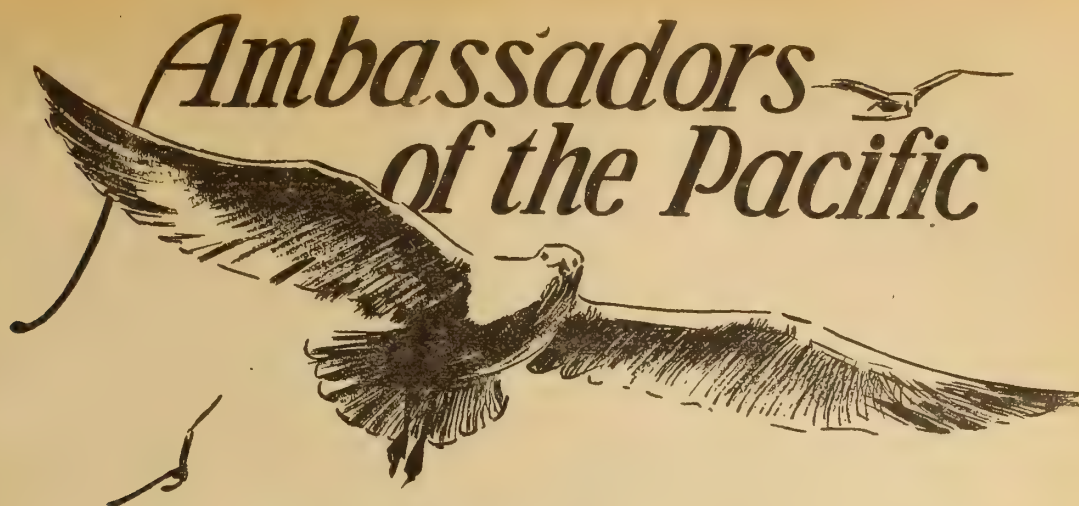
Considerable attention has been given this year to the development of our statistical service. We have taken over from the various Provinces the work of estimating the Canadian crop volume and conditions in order that our conclusions may be arrived at upon a uniform basis in all three Provinces. The reliability of the work has proved itself in the past four years and we are now able to place confidence in our system.

Statistics covering all matters affecting world markets and crops are regularly gathered and co-ordinated for the information of the sales force and this information is of great importance in determining policy from time to time.

TERMINALS

During the past year Terminals Nos. 1, 2 and 3 located at Fort William and Port Arthur, have been operated by the Company. The earnings of these terminals have been prorated back to the Provinces who unloaded grain at them in accordance with the Interprovincial Agreement governing the matter.

Owing to the continual development of Provincial facilities it was suggested that we be relieved of this responsibility. It was therefore arranged that the Manitoba Pool purchase



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CANADIAN POOL AGENCIES, LIMITED

Our insurance problems are so many and varied that your Directors felt that it was necessary to have in our employ an experienced insurance man who would be able to devote his entire time to the study of this phase of our operations.

We accordingly organized a subsidiary company to act as our brokers and were successful in obtaining the services of J. H. Smith as manager. This company will be in operation to handle our new season's business.

OFFICE PREMISES (WINNIPEG)

The question of adequately housing our staffs at Winnipeg with a view to convenience has been a live one for some time. At present all the Grain Pool organizations employ a staff of 342 persons in Winnipeg. These staffs are scattered throughout eight different floors in three separate office buildings in the city and we are severely hampered as a consequence.

During the summer we were approached by a group of Eastern investors who offered to erect an office building for our exclusive use at a reasonable rental. This offer was accepted. We expect to effect considerable economies in our organization and obtain greater efficiency as a result.

INTERPROVINCIAL GRADING COMMITTEE

During the year an Interprovincial Committee was appointed to carry on work done last year by the Committee appointed by the Saskatchewan Pool. It was felt that as many of the problems being dealt with were of equal importance in all three Provinces more rapid progress could be attained were the personnel of the Committee widened to include complete representation.

The Committee was therefore recast as follows:

C. Jensen, representing the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

L. C. Brouillette, representing the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

P. F. Bredt, representing the Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

The Committee has held seven meetings during the year and has dealt with a large number of questions chiefly affecting an equitable settlement with the individual grower.

We would like to record here the very great assistance received from and pleasant relations which have obtained with the officials of the Inspection Department, the various officers of the Pool organizations and all whom it has been necessary to consult from time to time.

The basis upon which the Committee has worked has been that while trade practices and handling operations work out on an average over the season satisfactorily for the operator at the same time these methods break down when you consider the problems from the question of exact equity between individual growers. The point of view of the Committee was that it is all important from an Inspection and Grading standpoint that the individual producer should receive an exact settlement on his shipment irrespective of whether the terminal elevator was able to operate at a profit or not. The terminal can protect itself by a proper tariff for the service rendered.

The question of proper sampling of cars at primary inspection was dealt with and exhaustive tests were made with an automatic sampler at Pool Terminal No. 4. Tests of this sampler were also made independently by the Inspection Department, with the result that they agreed to recognize the sample obtained in this manner this year until such time as the system was proved unreliable. All Pool terminals will therefore be equipped with this machine and a sample of each car unloaded preserved for thirty days. We anticipate that this will be of great value in cars which are loaded too full to properly sample at Winnipeg and will remove from the grower's mind any suspicion of the proper sampling of his shipments.

The Committee also worked out a system of settlement on tough grain with the owner which while still not exact equity is, we believe, a considerable advance on previous methods. The experience gained this season should be of assistance in improving methods.

The question of mixing was also dealt with and the serious effect of this practice on the value of the export grade of 3 Northern. A suggested clearer definition of this grade drawn up to embody the principles in No. 1 and 2 Northern is submitted for your consideration, together with a memorandum of what is involved in this important question.

These three major points cover the main activities of the Committee for the past year and it is now devoting its attention to other matters involved in the handling of your grain.

RESEARCH

The Committee on instructions from the Board examined into the question of establishing a Research Department to work on many of the problems met with in the process of marketing grain.

It was decided that space would be provided for a laboratory in our new office premises and a research department established, which will seek to work in conjunction with the National Research Council of Canada and with the various laboratories maintained in the Western Provincial Universities and Agricultural Colleges.

We have received satisfactory assurances from these institutions of their desire to co-operate with us in this work. It is important if the grower is to attain the full value of his product that our officers be supplied first hand with the information they require.

BULK HANDLING OF GRAIN

Considerable propaganda has been circulated during the past year which implies to the uninitiated that this organization has been to some extent active in the de-grading or mixing of wheat to the extent of deteriorating the Canadian standards in Europe.

While we hold no brief for the practice of mixing, any attempt on our part to ship a better sample than the standard would not meet the situation. The situation at present in vogue is that grain is shipped down the Lakes in bulk and no attempt is made, except in special cases, to segregate the shipments from any particular terminal or to preserve the identity of the grain comprising any shipment.

Under these conditions we are as shippers limited by the operation of the system in use, which is governed by the Canada Grain Act and administered by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

The membership of the Pool at this date, we are informed, is 12,750.

STAFF

Our staff consists of 149 members located as follows:

Winnipeg, 92; Calgary, 15; Prince Rupert, 1; Vancouver, 7; Toronto, 7; Montreal, 12; New York, 9; London, England, 5; Paris, 1. Total 149.

Towards the close of our last fiscal year considerable arrangements were made amongst the major officers of the

Wheat Pool Salesmen



First Row—W. C. Felliott, George McIvor, D. R. McIntyre, O. Z. Buchanan. Second Row—J. Gibson, H. McElligott, W. Johnson, J. Whalen. Third Row—J. Hudson, L. H. Howard, E. DeGray

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Company, which were commented upon in our last year's report. Since then further staff changes have occurred.

E. B. Ramsay, who held the position of Managing Director during the previous year, retired from the Board owing to his inability to attend to his duties as a member of the Saskatchewan Provincial Board, and has since been appointed General Manager of the Company.

J. L. Hudson was appointed Acting Manager at New York vice W. H. Johnson, transferred to our new office at Montreal. Mr. Hudson has since been confirmed as Manager at New York.

E. G. de Grey, for some years Manager of the Pool elevator at Buffalo, was appointed Manager of our Toronto office vice G. C. Leitch, resigned from the service of the Company.

W. Aitken, C.A., was appointed Chief Accountant of the Company to replace D. C. Stewart, resigned.

The fact that a complete re-organization of the staff and to a very large extent in our accounting methods, was possible in the course of a year without impairing the efficiency of the organization cannot be passed over without comment.

We have much pleasure in recording our appreciation of the loyal service and hearty co-operation of all members of the staff during the past year.

STATEMENT OF GRAIN OPERATIONS FROM 1st SEPT., 1927, to 29th FEB., 1928

Wheat Division, 1927 Pool

SALES.....	34,413,165.65
Eastern—	
Export via East.....	27,340,906.53
Domestic East.....	6,430,305.24
	33,771,211.77
Western—	
Export via West.....	379,261.13
Domestic West.....	262,692.75
	641,953.88
Total Sales.....	34,413,165.65

COSTS DEDUCTIBLE FROM SALES

Local Purchases (Exclusive of Pool Deliveries).....	87,996.32
Grain Charges—	
Lake and Rail.....	827,469.53
Elevation.....	273,776.40
Superintendence.....	180,993.04
Ocean Charges.....	1,309,071.10
Brokerage.....	15,336.81
Telegrams and Cables.....	11,869.46
Pool Terminal Charges.....	91,627.95
Storage.....	227,913.36
Insurance.....	130,307.01
Bank Charges.....	62,327.19
Premiums on western shipments.....	7,867.83
Administrative Expenses.....	15,270.97
	3,241,826.97
	31,171,338.68

APPROPRIATED & DISTRIBUTED TO PROVINCIAL POOLS—

Pool Deliveries.....	68,520.93
First Interim.....	.80
Second Interim.....	18,960.56
Final Payment.....	19,164,379.33
	19,251,861.62
	11,919,477.06
Add Surplus 31st August 1927.....	17,362,501.96
	29,281,979.02
Deduct Grain Unsold 31st August 1927.....	28,958,121.06

BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION at 29th February, 1928..... 323,857.96

Allocated thus to Provincial Pools—	
Alberta.....	79,694.90
Saskatchewan.....	214,992.18
Manitoba.....	29,170.88
	\$ 323,857.96

Winnipeg, 10th October, 1928.

Certified in accordance with our Report of this date.

JOHN SCOTT & COMPANY
Chartered Accountants

E. B. RAMSAY,
General Manager.

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES

For Year Ending 31st August, 1928

Administrative	
Office Stationery and Supplies.....	\$ 15,036.08
Office Travelling Expenses.....	15,662.42
Salaries.....	293,944.25
Rent and Light.....	22,555.65
Telegrams and Telephones.....	23,067.48
General Expense.....	23,683.34
Group Insurance.....	1,224.23
Legal and Audit.....	30,685.92
Executive	
Directors' Fees and Travelling Expense.....	24,687.56
Interprovincial Travelling Expense.....	3,622.80
Publicity and Statistician.....	40,960.85
International Conference.....	1,105.42
New Branches	
London.....	23,868.56
Argentine.....	10,073.08
	\$530,177.64

GENERAL

The close of this season's "Pool" marks an interesting period in the Organization's history. With it the first contract period has elapsed. The renewal of the contract by the growers in all three Provinces, even before details of the year's business were available, must be a source of gratification to all who have been connected with the organization since its inception.

A review of the four years' operation of the Central Selling Agency leaves your Directors with the feeling that while giant steps have been made in developing a marketing organization, the fringe of the entire agricultural problem has only been touched.

As a marketing organization it is our duty to sell to the best advantage the products which the Provincial Pools place in our hands. Much encouragement by all authorities has been given to the Western farmer to grow the most desirable grains and the need for doing so is generally recognized in the West. It has remained, however, for some organization to deal with the practical solution of the problem; i.e., to make available to every farmer a supply of reasonably pure seed at a reasonable cost. This has been accomplished by the various Farmers' Co-operative Organizations in such a manner as the local situation demanded and a reference to their Annual Reports will give you full details of their efforts in this regard.

Agricultural populations in many countries through lack of organization have allowed their interests to be subordinated to developments in industrial expansion which takes little heed of the balancing of the economic life of a nation. In order to forestall any such condition arising in our own country there is every need for farm interests developing an organization which is strong enough materially to meet on even grounds any combine of interests furnishing services incidental to the operation of the farm. Co-operation by the various groups of interests of which our country is composed is more likely to result in the permanent solution of the economic difficulties which confront us from time to time, thus maintaining a satisfactory balance between these groups.

The Canadian farmer today is in an excellent position to meet the competition of other wheat exporting countries, the developing of a handling system operated at cost materially assisting in the solution of the problem. High production per acre of quality products together with low cost of production and marketing rather than increased acreage will be very important factors in the success of the Western farm, particularly in years of bountiful world yields.

FAVORS CONTINUANCE OF PRESENT PLAN

Victor Vieweger, of Edgerton, writes head office: "At this occasion I take the liberty to suggest that the Pool may follow in the future the same policy in fixing elevator charges as last year, i.e., distribute the earnings of the elevators among the patrons at the end of the Pool year. It is certainly very pleasant to receive an extra payment at harvest time, and such a special payment expressed in plain figures of 3½ or 4 cents a bushel, adding that much to the price of wheat sold through the Pool, will prove a big drawing card for the fellows who still are outside the Pool."

Mannville Man Writes

The following is a letter received from Charles Reeves, of Mannville:

"I thought I would write a few lines stating how much I appreciate our weekly broadcast. I am sure lots of non-Pool farmers get an ear-full over the radio this way. It is very amusing to note a grain company on the air at the same time, trying to sidetrack our listeners. This week they were offering free samples of breakfast foods; last week they conveniently planned an hour's airplane trip over the Southern States to overlap the Pool talk, but I did not go up with them, as grain companies have had me 'in the air' before today, during the seventeen years I lived in Alberta before the Pool started. I remember quite well selling wheat that weighed 60½ lbs. to the bushel at 30 cents per bushel, before we were forced to start the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co., to save being skinned alive. I have often stated that the three best friends I have are the Wheat Pool, the Co-operative Credit Society, and our Local U.F.A. Co-operative Store. Had it not been for these I could not have stayed on the farm. When I think what the Wheat Pool has accomplished in such a short time, I feel proud to be a small cog in such a large machine. Wishing the Pool every success during a new and larger series."

NAMING OF POOL ELEVATORS

Hanna Herald—A few days ago a gentleman suggested to the *Herald* that the Alberta Wheat Pool should change its system of numbering its country and terminal elevators to that of giving them names. He explained that the Alberta Pool might select the names of those men who have been largely responsible for the success of the Pool; men who have worked; and who are continuing to work in the interests of this, the greatest co-operative marketing enterprise of all time. The suggestion, in the *Herald's* opinion, is one which deserves more than passing consideration. The Alberta Wheat Pool now has 308 country elevators, together with three giant terminals. It might be somewhat difficult to immediately select three hundred names which have been prominently identified with the Wheat Pool, but such a start might be made, with the most important terminals and "line" houses being first named, with others to follow in order of importance. The naming of the Pool houses should, in time, lend an atmosphere of real distinction for many sincere supporters who have helped put the Pool in its present enviable position.

NOT TO MENTION BABY

"Now," said the teacher, "which boy can name five things that contain milk?" "I can," shouted a freckle-face youngster. "Butter an' cheese an' ice cream an' two cows."—*Pearson's*.

WHAT A LANGUAGE

Dad: "I don't believe he wants to buy any sheep really. I believe he just comes after dinner."

Mum: "Why, he always comes just before dinner, father!"

Dad: "Well, isn't that what I said, mother?"—*Sydney Bulletin*.

Motorist (to victim)—Oh, sir, would you mind autographing our car? You're the first person we've hit.—*Judge*



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Alberta Pool Secures Successful Sign-up

THE RECORD OF SUCCESS

August 1st, 1928—Total acreage under First Series Wheat Pool Contracts: 4,070,137.

October 31st, 1928—Total acreage under Second Series Wheat Pool Contracts: 4,074,771.

The splendid success of the effort to secure a large sign-up of Second Series contracts was the most outstanding event in Wheat Pool affairs during the Pool year. Every First Series contract ended with the delivery of the 1927 crop. But the Alberta Wheat Pool is entering the Second Contract term with practically the same strength with which it ended the First Contract period. Over four million acres of Alberta farm land are under contract to the Alberta Wheat Pool. This is an accomplishment worthy of note. The success of the sign-up campaign completely overshadows the first effort to secure signatures to Wheat Pool contracts back in the late summer and early autumn days of 1923. At that time the despair and discouragement following a disastrous drop in prices was an added incentive for the farmer to try new and untrodden paths. The economic condition of the farmers had reached such a desperate stage that merchants, bankers, professional men and others forsook their occupations to assist in the drive by delivering addresses or driving the countryside on canvassing expeditions. There was an evangelical atmosphere in the movement in the pioneer Pool days of 1923 that could not be revived in 1928.

Appeal on Merit

The Alberta Wheat Pool inaugurated the campaign for its Second Series Contracts on its record covering a period of five years. Pool Directors, Pool delegates, voluntary workers and Pool employees conducted the campaign. The story of the Pool's aims and accomplishments were told in almost every school house and community hall in the country, and told simply and concisely. Gone were the flamboyant oratory and emotional appeals. The Pool had been in existence for five years, had achieved certain objectives, was aiming at other accomplishments and the wheat producers had to make the decision whether or not the organization had justified its existence and was worth while sticking to and developing, or whether, as its opponents claimed, it had made no difference in the life of rural Alberta.

Splendid Response

Even the most optimistic Wheat Pool enthusiast would have hesitated to predict the splendid response Alberta Wheat producers gave to the Pool appeal. In an organization with such a large and widespread membership it could only be expected that a number would be disquieted, especially in view of the desperate and continuous efforts made by opponents to discredit the Pool and wean away adherents. It was freely predicted by these opponents that the Wheat Pool's strength would be undermined when the Second Series contracts came into effect, and that it would never regain its first series strength. But the overwhelming flood of contracts effectually put this apprehension to rout and the farmers of Alberta announced in no uncertain terms that they believed in and trusted the Wheat Pool method of handling and marketing their crops, and they were determined that no backward step should be taken.

The Rule of Success

The man who signs a Wheat Pool contract is assisting in a concrete way to place the farming industry on a higher and more stable basis. Contrary to the opinions of many who have not joined the Wheat Pool, the Pool's usefulness is not demonstrated merely by the matter of prices obtained by

individuals. The rule of success by which the Pool must be measured is its accomplishments in careful and efficient selling for a whole group, not an individual; its success in gathering and holding a large group of producers into an effective and powerful unit; and its success in operating a large business on a sound and economical basis. The Alberta Wheat Pool has lived up to these requirements.

Last year a prominent official of a co-operative movement stated that the Wheat Pool was based too much on dollars and cents; that it lacked the true spirituality of co-operation such as is manifest in the membership of the old established British co-operatives; and that with the first decline in prices members would fall away like leaves from trees in autumn. Well, there has been a decline in prices and the result has been an even more fervent adherence to the Wheat Pool. This movement is more than a passing phase or vagrant whim on the part of farmers. It is stamped with a determination to shake off the inferiority or passive complex that has cursed agricultural workers from time immemorial and to declare to all classes that agriculture is determined to achieve a higher notch in the economic scheme of things.

Supply and Demand

So often has the law of supply and demand been preached to farmers that there are many who believe it is part of the decalogue. They seem to think that all there remains to be done is to sit down and take what fate offers like an Oriental fatalist, and never make an effort to help themselves. Now supply and demand are important features of production, be that production wheat, flour, bread, farm machinery, or daily newspapers. But the editor of the daily newspaper who instructs the farmers to meekly obey the law of supply and demand, takes good care to be present at the deliberations of his Canadian Press Association which effectually operates against the same law for his benefit. The same is true of the elevator company or grain dealer. The law of supply and demand which they declare is so inexorable when applied to the farmer is rather more flexible when it comes to their own business, or rather, they organize in order to protect themselves against its too drastic operation.

The Wheat Pool is the only present protection for our wheat producers in a world wherein "organization" is the watchword. It is the organized wheat producer attending to a vital part of his business—that of sales and handling. That the Pool has made considerable accomplishment is testified to by business men and organizations the world over; co-operative heads who have journeyed from farm lands to examine the Pool's workings have declared it to be of the true apostolic succession from a co-operative standpoint; and the immense industry of farming in Western Canada has announced its satisfaction and faith by contributing a splendid sign-up for Second Series contract.

Disposes of Argument

From time to time we have published a list of a few of the contract signers in *The U.F.A.* newspaper. We have restricted the names to some with larger acreages for the simple reason that our columns would be over-burdened were we to publish the names of all the signers. You will note from these lists that there has been a decided tendency among men who farm larger than average acreages to join the Alberta Wheat Pool. This disposes of the argument that the larger farmers do not benefit by joining the organization. These men have seen that the Pool operates on a business-like basis and offers tangible benefits to all farmers be they large or small operators. The most effective agencies in the world today in securing a better economic position in the world for the farmer are the successful co-operative marketing organizations which have been inspired and built and which are being directed by the organized farmers themselves.

Live Canvassers

Men Who Have Made Outstanding Contributions to Success of Pool Sign-up

To a very considerable degree the efforts of Wheat Pool workers throughout the length and breadth of Alberta contributed to the splendid sign-up of Second Series Pool Contract. As a measure of tribute to some of the most successful canvassers we are herewith publishing their names along with the number of contracts they turned in.

Carl Axelsson, Bingville, 82; H. E. Tellier, Morinville, 81; Wm. Feist, Wembley, 79; A. R. Hoag, Bowden, 76; J. H. Abel, Lloydminster, 75; M. A. Winiarski, Mundare, 69; Pat Rafferty, Mayerthorpe, 65; J. W. Wright, Rimbey, 58; J. E. von Schmidt, Eagle Hill, 55; J. H. Preece, Athabasca, 53; Alex Bennett, Waterhole, 53; James Lothian, Boyle, 51; E. P. Nordin, Hay Lakes, 50; F. Mawson, Vilna, 47.

George Castell, Earlie, 45; Thos. Partridge, Monitor, 43; J. Ross, Hanna, 42; R. Cates, Oyen, 39; A. B. Grieve, Loughheed, 39; Wm. Kulka, Northbank, 38; E. G. McLean, Vulcan, 37; Geo. A. Robson, Craigmyle, 37; Edward Peterson, Wetsaskiwin, 35; L. L. Kehoe, Vermilion, 33; J. H. Ansell, Bashaw, 32; John T. Taylor, Clyde, 32; A. Fossen, Cadogan, 31; Louis Fournier, Donnelly, 31; W. H. Titus, Chipman, 31; T. A. Reynar, Foremost, 30; Gunder Hagen, Forestburg, 29; G. E. Meiklejohn, Provost, 29; C. A. Fawcett, Consort, 28; J. L. Leahy, Grassy Lake, 28.

F. Metcalfe, Badger Lake, 28; B. Thrones, Niobe, 28; A. S. Edwards, Wiste, 27; E. Leitch, Brownvale, 27; J. H. Blackburn, Lavoy, 26; J. A. Johansen, Woolford, 26; John D. Johnstone, Ferintosh, 26; Chas. E. Neameyer, Heisler, 26; S. P. Pye, Penhold, 26; Emil Tomashewsky, Andrew P.O., 26; F. E. Warren, Veteran, 25; M. R. Matheson, Granum, 25; A. Tremblay, Gleichen, 25; Theophile Gobeil, Beaumont, 24; C. W. Hayes, Hussar, 24.

J. E. Higgins, Retlaw, 24; A. E. Hobbs, Sr., Ponoka, 23; A. D. MacKinnon, Egremont, 23; Geo. Rimmer, Brightview, 23; John Atkinson, Carbon, 22; F. Barker, Carbon, 22; Harry G. Botsford, Mannville, 22; L. Browne, Byemoor, 22; W. E. Cruickshank, Botha, 22; N. L. Eliason, Wrentham, 22; W. J. Foran, Bluesky, 22; August Flamme, Bow Island, 22; H. B. Limpert, Delia, 22; Homer Montgomerie, Nanton, 22; C. I. Ennis, Hairy Hill, 21; C. Jensen, Meeting Creek, 21; John Hillman, Evarts, 21; Ray Williams, Winnifred, 21; F. Van Sickle, Phillips, 21; N. A. Anderson, Amisk, 20; F. W. Barton, Condor, 20; Wm. C. Boddy, Clive, 20; Arthur Dahl, Raymond, 20; M. W. Hitchins, Athabasca, 20; A. Johnson, Beaverlodge, 20; A. Lamoureux, Lamoureux, 20; P. Matheson, Galahad, 20; H. C. Moir, Milk River, 20; J. R. Moore, Vegreville, 20; P. Nestoruk, Vegreville, 20; J. T. Peat, New Dayton, 20.

News & Views

At Esther shipping point there is only one shipper who is not a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

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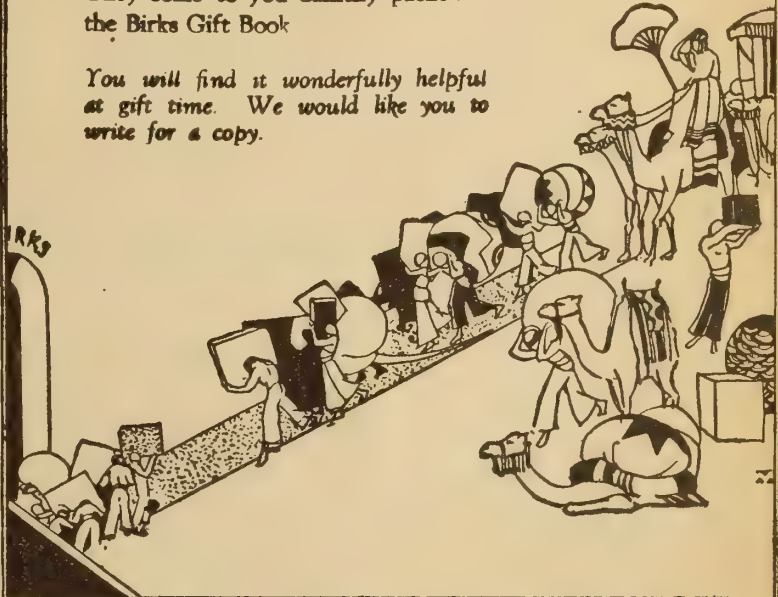
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The Farm Child's Christmas

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Dear Farm Women:

There are still three hundred and sixty-five days in a year, three hundred and sixty-five days of twenty-four hours each; in fact this year we have the additional day for good measure for leap year.

I have no doubt that to the youthful members of the family the days and years seem just as long as they did in the past. The older ones will, I know, agree with me that it seems almost incredible that the Christmas season is here again with its accompanying memories full of both sadness and joy; the time that we try to make a day of mirth for the children, even those who have a heart ache underneath the merriment.

The mail-order houses seem to have prolonged the Christmas season for the children, for it seems to me about September that I see the catalogues eagerly turned to the toy section and selections of "baby dolls that look like real babies, Mother," and carriages that small mothers may give their children an airing, and dishes for the young housekeepers, railway trains that will really go on miniature tracks and mechanical toys which on Christmas morning are expected to caper wildly across the floor, much to the amusement of little boys and sometimes more to the bigger boys, their Fathers, are made with many second, third and fourth choices if Santa Claus can't bring the first.

Adaptable Farm Children

Poor Santa Claus, how much is expected of him! Sometimes the disappointments are very bitter for the small members of the family, but I do think the Western Canadian farm children are, as a whole, a class of children who wonderfully adapt themselves to meet the different circumstances of the year. The childish hearts seem to be quite as full of affection for the make-shifts as for the beautiful dolls of their dreams. For a long time a most cherished member of our family was a stick of wood with a wide gash in the side, which rejoiced in the name of "Apple Dumpling". The children had heard me speak of one of the "Dumb-bell" singers who sang the song "Apple Dumplings" with widely listened mouth.

The childish families vary through the year but increase usually with tremendous rapidity in the Autumn when the marrows freeze and the smaller ones brought in are not big enough to be of use for the table. At night time when one goes to give a last look the bed is apt to be over full with a row of these ladies, perhaps interspersed with a fat mal-formed potato or two. When they can no longer possibly be handled, most cheerful funerals are held in the garden and their places are again supplanted by something equally "costly" but as dearly treasured for the time. Over and over again I have seen children who have had little, happy in their substitutes.

I am writing this to comfort some of the Mothers this year, for I know that a few nights in August completely changed their plans for Christmas. The

smaller children who can not quite understand have still the blessed gift of imagination and the older ones are learning, alas, the lessons of life. And it really is easier to be poor in the country than in the city where there seems such a mockery between the over-abundance of some and the poverty of others.

Creating Strongest Ties

We hear much today of the breaking up of family life and that the home and family do not exert the influence that they should. It is, I think, in the celebrations of these feast days and holidays in the family that we create our strongest ties. We are forming family traditions that our children will recall with a warm heart many years from now and they will pass on to their children again in the years to come.

We have a chance in this new country to combine simple pleasures from so many places and an idea that was not associated with Christmas with us in our younger days can so easily be incorporated into our new family traditions. One year I had a woman helping me from Lithuania and from her I learned a great deal of the life of the people of the land of that country. They were people with very little money to spend, but I was much impressed with the simple little customs of the families for the feast days and holidays; customs that bound the families together with a family tradition and made a lasting impression on childish minds.

Perhaps here we are apt to be a bit too prosaic, a bit too practical, for the tendency in a new country is always to the practical; stern necessity sees to that. Some places, even though we are past the first bare beginning, we have to bring our own imagination to play. Tissue paper may have to take the place, alas, of the fragrant ever-greens for garlands and wreaths, and a bunch of holly and mistletoe from the "Five and Ten" be a substitute for the real thing, and instead of the beautifully branched tree of our childhood which stretched from the floor to the ceiling, the Christmas tree may be two or three small branches from the community Christmas tree or even the bare twigs of the poplar, but fortunately with the same Christmas spirit in our hearts, it is wonderful what we can make of it.

Customs From Many Countries

We bring customs, as I say, from many countries, from the East of Canada with its memories of snowy Christmases and jingling sleighbells, from lands across the seas where perhaps the snow was often lacking but holly and mistletoe and carols and decorated church were part of the holiday season, and some from warmer climates where Christmas meant anything but frost and snow and glittering stars. We come with many thoughts, many creeds, many traditions which in turn have pagan and Christian customs intermingled, but all have come to mean a time of happiness and good cheer, of feasting and gifts, but above all a time when the great thought is Peace on Earth, Good will toward men.

Whatever it has meant, and whatever

you are trying to make it mean to your family, to your district, to this new country, may I wish you all the old, old wish, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Holiday Fare for the Holiday Season

By AUNT CORDELIA

Lemon Mince Meat: (Mrs. J. Clare, Belmont Local, who contributes this recipe, writes that it is "a very wholesome mincemeat for Christmas time, when extra rich foods prevail.") 1 lb. each of currants, raisins and sugar; the juice of 8 lemons; the boiled and chopped rind of 6 lemons; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. suet and 1 lb. apples, passed through mincer. If you wish to keep, put into sealers and cover well with wax.

Cranberry Jelly: Wash 1 quart cranberries, drain, and boil 5 minutes with 1 cup water; put through sieve; add 2 cups sugar, boil until sugar is dissolved, and pour into moulds. This is a tart jelly, to be served with roast turkey or other fowl.

Stuffing for Turkey: 1 pint stale white bread, soaked in cold water; press out the water, add 2 tablespoons sage, 2 tablespoons summer savory, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon pepper, butter size of an egg. For ducks or geese, add 1 small onion, chopped.

Christmas Cake: 2 lbs. raisins, 3 lbs. currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. peel, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. figs, 1 dozen eggs, 1 lb. butter, 1 cup milk, 1 cup coffee, 1 cup molasses, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda, 1 lb. flour, 2 lbs. sugar, 2 teaspoons salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. walnuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. blanched almonds, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. candied cherries, spice to taste. Mix the spices, fruit and peel with flour; cream sugar and butter thoroughly, then mix in eggs, well beaten, and beat until sugar is dissolved; add soda, molasses, milk and coffee, then flour, fruit and nuts. Bake in moderate oven about 4 hours. Very good. Ada Brown, Stavely, Alberta.

Christmas Cake: (A somewhat simpler recipe than the foregoing.) 2 cups butter, 3 cups brown sugar, 8 eggs, 3 lbs. raisins, 2 lbs. currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. mixed peel, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. almonds, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 cup sour milk, 1 cup molasses, 1 teaspoon all spices, 5 cups flour. Mrs. H. Phillips, Lamont Local.

Light Christmas Cake: 2 cups flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sultana, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. mixed peel, 2 oz. almonds, 4 eggs, juice and grated rind of 1 lemon, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder. Mix all well together, and bake two hours. A. S. Woolliams, R.R.4, Calgary.

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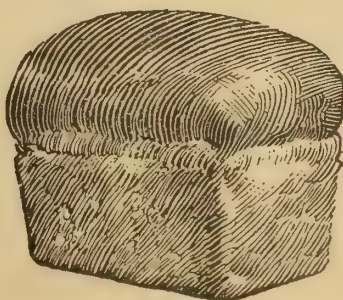
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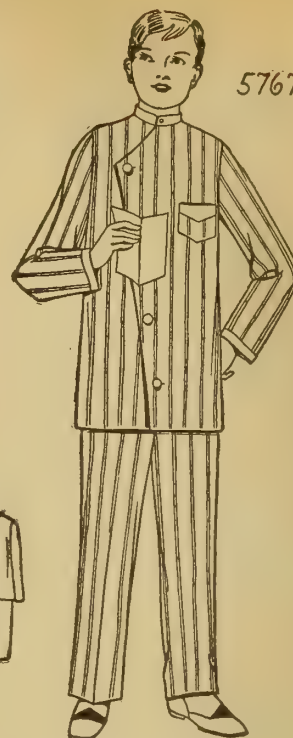


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PLAN TO SEND DELEGATE

Sedalia U.F.W.A. Local had a good summer's program, and are planning to send a delegate to the Convention in Edmonton, reports Mrs. Nora L. Fisher, secretary.

ROWLEY ORGANIZED

Mrs. E. J. Garland was the organizer of the new Rowley U.F.W.A. Local, which begins with a paid up membership of twenty-four. Mrs. Gordon Evans was elected president, and Mrs. S. R. Hooper secretary of the new organization.

TELLS OF EARLY DAYS

"The chicken supper put up by Ridgewood U.F.W.A. local on Monday evening was well patronized. Mr. R. L. Gaetz was out from Red Deer, and gave a much appreciated story of the early days at Red Deer, when he traded with the Indians at the old crossing."—*Red Deer Advocate*.

ENERGETIC U.F.W.A.

Miss Conroy gave an interesting lecture under the auspices of Energetic U.F.W.A. Local, in Milk River, on October 24th, while on November 1st the regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. Nims, following a dinner. At this meet-

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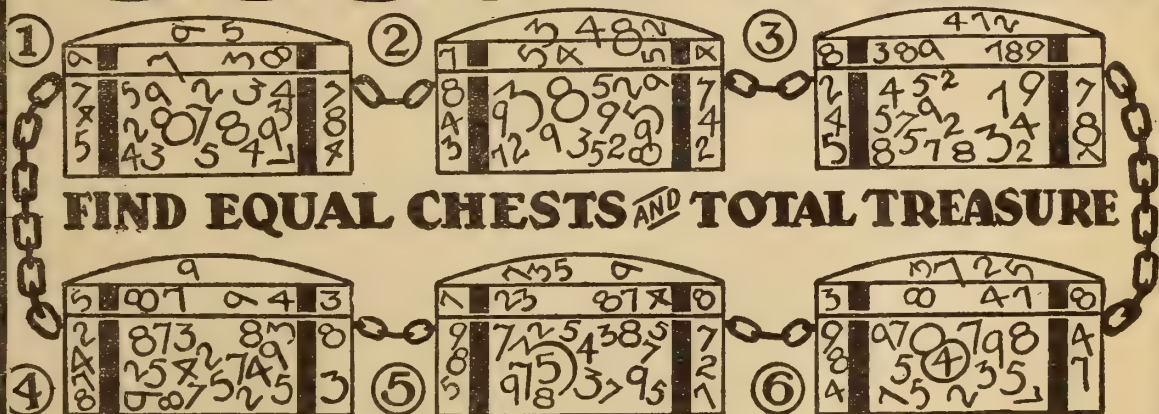
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ing, states Mrs. M. E. Hummel, secretary, a program for 1929 was adopted, and a series of card parties was planned, the first being held at the home of Nels Pederson on November 10th.

ANNUAL CHICKEN SUPPER

The annual chicken supper given by Crossfield U.F.W.A. Local was a most successful affair. There was a good turn-out for the supper, and a very large crowd for the dance which followed. After paying all expenses the ladies were able to hand over to the directors of the Community Hall more than \$200.

WILLOWDALE ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of Willowdale U.F.W.A. Local, the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Wm. G. Knight, announced that there was on hand a balance of \$51, after paying running expenses for the year, dues, Federal and Provincial constituency dues, and a contribution to the Junior Conference Fund. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. J. Toule, president; Mrs. A. R. Elridge, vice-president, and Mrs. C. Blades, secretary-treasurer.

AT ECKVILLE LOCAL

"The Eckville U.F.W.A. had their annual chicken supper at the Liberty hall on Friday night. There were present as guests Geo. H. Biggs and Mrs. P. C. Hepburn, both of Elnora, and, in their capacity as directors for the men's and women's farm organizations, addressed the meeting. Mrs. Hepburn had a special message for the Juniors, while Mr. Biggs made quite a speech about the U.F.A. movement and appealed to those present, if they had not already done so, to line up with the organized farmers of the Province. He concluded with the slogan: 'In unity is strength.' G. W. Smith, M.P.P., came out from Red Deer in the afternoon and also attended the event. There was a large crowd present."—*Red Deer Advocate*.

MERNA LOCAL ACTIVITIES

"Merna U.F.W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Bratland on November 8th. There was a good attendance, and the meeting opened with the roll call: 'Ways to economize.' The secretary gave a report on the bazaar, the proceeds of which amounted to about \$115. The matter of arranging a program for the coming year was discussed, and it was decided that each member should bring a suggestion for one month's program to the next meeting, when a program committee will arrange the program for 1929. It was also decided that the secretary write and ask for a demonstration on wicker work. Mrs. Bratland then put up a contest on naming the authors of twelve books. The prize went to Mrs. Leslie. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a very dainty lunch."—*Sedgewick Sentinel*.

WILLOW HOLLOW MEETING

"The regular monthly meeting of Willow Hollow U.F.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. E. Callihan on November 8th with the usual attendance. The meeting was opened by the President when all sang 'O Canada.' The talent money was paid in by eight members and amounted to \$23. Mrs. C. W. Morgan won first prize. Mrs. Callihan second. Both prizes together have a value of over \$5.00. At the closing of the meeting a very tempting repast was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs.

C. W. Morgan and Mrs. L. Erickson. While it was being enjoyed a little girl drew the name of Mrs. H. Moser as the winner of the prize, a fancy cup and saucer donated by Mrs. L. George. The December meeting will be at the home of Mrs. H. Moser. Mrs. E. A. Kueber and Mrs. O. Larons are on the refreshment committee and Mrs. F. Sedgwick is the donator of the prize."—*Killam News*.

YEAR'S PROGRAM AT TUDOR

A special study of the administrative work of the Provincial Government was a feature of the year's program of Tudor U.F.W.A. Local. For the June meeting roll call, each member was required to give the name and office of one Cabinet minister; at succeeding meetings papers were given on the lives and work of the various ministers, by Mesdames Knight, Henderson, Rennie, Schafer and Belts and Miss Bernice Schafer.

Other interesting items were as follows: Paper, "Home-Making," Miss Marion Schafer; Paper, "Synopsis of Dominion Session," Mrs. H. A. Ruppe; Talk by Solicitor J. B. McGuire, followed by discussion, and a talk on pedigreed poultry by Mrs. W. Bell. Meetings were held in the members' homes, and two members were responsible for arranging a short entertainment for each afternoon. Roll calls on a variety of topics formed a part of each program.

Mrs. D. Horn, Mrs. H. A. Ruppe and Mrs. R. A. Dyson are the officers for 1928.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

"We are closing a most interesting and successful year," writes Mrs. E. E. MacLeod, secretary of High River U.F.W.A. Local. "In addition to our regular business and study meetings, held once a month, we have had several delightful social events. Last winter we had social evenings once a month, in homes in different districts surrounding the town. Then in August we had a most enjoyable picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, in the foothills. This week we are holding a joint social evening to be addressed by Walter Little, the farm boy chosen by the Dean of Windsor to be his guest for a year in England. Our monthly meetings have been remarkably well attended."

The following report of the last meeting of the Local is from the *High River Times*:

"The regular meeting of High River U.F.W.A. Local which fell on the Friday before Thanksgiving, was held at the home of Mrs. Alex Fraser with Mrs. H. Sheeley acting as joint hostess. Among the special guests who honored the large gathering were some of the older ladies including Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Robertson Sr., Mrs. Fraser Sr., Mrs. Dave Morrison and Mrs. D. G. Morrison. A talk of very great interest was given by Mrs. Alex. Thompson on the Pioneer Days. Mrs. Thompson's reminiscences dated back forty-five years, and were attended with great interest and enjoyment. Graphically, she described the homes, the hardships and happiness of pioneer life and the difficulties of education. Mention was made of many of the old timers of the district who laid the foundation of present development. A delightful part of the day's program was a violin solo given by Master Roy Cousins, with Mrs. Kinnear accompanist. The special collection taken up as arranged at the last meeting, resulted in the sum of \$30 being raised for the Wood's Home and \$7.50 for the Lacombe Home."—*High River Times*.

U.F.A. Junior Activities

Watchword: SERVICE

Motto: EQUITY

What Are Your Local's Plans for Christmas?

Dear Juniors:

With Christmas once more rapidly approaching we naturally find ourselves wondering what we can do to make it just the biggest Christmas we have ever had. We wonder what we can give Father and Mother—and perhaps we spend still more time in wondering what they are going to give us!

Ever since the 25th of December became a Festival Day, parents have schemed and planned and toiled to make it a gala day for their children. They have sacrificed that the child faith in Santa Claus, the jovial patron saint of that happy day will remain undiminished. Christmas Day has always been essentially a children's day. Children have been the receivers, seldom the givers on this greatest day of the year.

So this year, why not do something for Mother and Father? For all the Mothers and Fathers in your district? The majority of our Juniors have reached an age where they are able to help considerably in making Christmas happy and cheerful. And there are so many things you can do. Is there a family in your district that will not be able to join in the cheer of Christmas Day? Could not the Local play Santa Claus and so uphold the Spirit of Christmas? Are there some children Santa may miss? There lies your chance!

Why Not Help Seniors?

Or why not help the Senior Locals or the teacher to put on a Christmas concert for the little folk? You may have passed that stage when Santa Claus, or Christmas trees, or Christmas games appeal to you, but the little ones have not. They will get as much pleasure out of a Christmas fairy play, and a Christmas tree with small presents distributed by Santa Claus, as they would out of the most expensive of gifts. If you have never tried entertaining the young boys and girls of your district, try it this year. It will please the Fathers and Mothers of your district, bring joy and cheer to the little tots, and a supreme pleasure and happiness to those who worked for its success.

Wishing you all the jolliest, happiest day you have ever had, with lots of presents and good things to eat, and may the Christmas Spirit of joy and service hang over the day's festivities. To use the words of Little Tim (than which no better ending can be found), "God bless us every one."

Faternally yours,

EDNA M. HULL,
Secretary.

LONE PINE JUNIORS

"We had our meeting last Wednesday night," writes the secretary of Lone Pine Junior Local, "and we sure had a good time." After spending some time in community singing, the meeting took the form of a spelling match. There were seventeen members present. Lone Pine Juniors are now planning to put on a concert.

NEW LOCAL AT STETTLER

Report has just come of the organizing of a new Local at Stettler, the organizers

being Miss Esther Strandquist and Jonathan Toule of Round Hill. After the Local was organized, and all business regarding organizing completed, the remainder of the evening was passed in playing games, the hostess serving delicious refreshments. We wish the new Local every success.

TO HOLD CONTEST

Two-in-One Juniors, at their last meeting, expressed themselves as being in favor of a vocational contest, and it was decided that such a contest should be held within the Lethbridge constituency sometime during the winter months. Prizes will be given for the best model farm or blue print submitted. It was also decided that the Local should take up the reading course offered by the University. When the business of the evening was concluded, games and stunts were enjoyed.

ENCHANT JUNIORS BOXING BOUT

Owing to Miss Ruth Strandberg, former Secretary of Enchant Juniors, leaving the district, election of a secretary became necessary, and Miss Lyla E. Peterson was chosen to take the office of secretary-treasurer. As the president, Burnet Purcell, also left the district, the vice-president, Gerald Snider will carry on as Chairman for the remainder of the term. On August 25th the Local staged a boxing match—Verner Strandberg and Arthur Jacobson being the principals—the sum of five dollars being realized. Arthur Jacobson was declared victor.

HOLD A SUCCESSFUL PARTY

The Stanmore Junior Local held a very successful Hallowe'en Party on November 2nd, a large crowd being in attendance. Mrs. T. Anderson and Dan Cameron acted as judges and the prizes for best costumes were donated by Miss McClung. Christine Zachariassen, as a fairy queen, won first prize, and George Sutherland won the boy's prize for a Charlie Chaplin's costume. The children played many old-fashioned games, including a music guessing contest and a treasure hunt.

ANY TIME

"What time shall I report for work in the morning?" asked the college youth. "Oh, any time you like," replied the office manager, "so long as you're here before 8."—Progress.

NATURALLY

Porter (to woman arriving on the run): "No need to hurry, ma'am; the train ain't due for 20 minutes." "I know that, but I can't bear having to hurry at the last minute."—Pearson's Weekly.

MOST CONSIDERATE

"They tell me you love good music," said the lady playing at the piano, to her musical friend.

"Oh!" said she politely, "that doesn't matter, please go right on."—Detroit News.

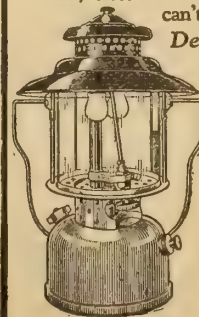


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The Danish Rural Elementary School

By LEONA R. BARRITT

In the previous article I dealt with our own elementary school, stressing some of its limitations and also its possibilities. In this second article the writer makes no claim to originality, except in rearrangement of material. Practically all that follows is taken from the book, "Rural Denmark and its Schools," by Dr. Harold Foght—the most comprehensive and at the same time concise and interesting work on the subject that I know of.

For this I make no apology, my aim being to bring to as large a circle of readers as possible such information as I am able concerning the elementary schools of the only nation of the world today which has developed and tends to maintain a high type of rural civilization. I shall endeavor to present the features of those schools which form a marked contrast to our own.

Born of Dire Distress

Denmark, more than a half century ago, found itself in dire distress, both of a political and social-economic nature. The discredited country sought the panacea for its ills in a remarkable school system which furnishes a broad culture and thorough technical preparation to every man, woman and child living in rural districts. The results have been marvellous. A war-crippled and almost bankrupt nation has, within two generations, taken an honorable place among the producing nations of Europe. Its agriculture is unexcelled, both as to the matter of production from the soil and distribution of the manufactured products to the markets of the world.

The spur of necessity had a great deal to do with making the beginnings of the movement. Patriotic men rose up and organized the forces at their disposal as best they could; but, without the broad general intelligence furnished through the remarkable system of new rural schools, the peasantry would have been in no condition to receive and profit by the progressive propaganda of their leaders.

These schools are indeed organized as a part of the movement and stand, therefore, in the relation both of cause and effect; for, while brought into being, or at least revitalized and perfected through the same necessity which made patriotic men and women come to the rescue of the fatherland, the schools alone could bring the system to full fruition by making education available to every man, woman and child.

Classification of Schools.

The schools that brought all this to pass may be classified as rural elementary schools, folk high schools, local agricultural schools, rural schools of household economics, and special schools for small holders. "These schools are organized as a part of the movement." The words are not mine, reader. They are those of the authority above mentioned. Do they not furnish us with a suggestion as to the best means for spreading the great and saving gospel of co-operation? Further, a great aim was behind the organization of these schools. Might we humbly pass this suggestion along as well to the Department of a Farmers' Government which is considering a great and sweeping change in the Alberta system of education?

The rural elementary schools of Denmark emphasize to a remarkable degree the fundamental school subjects and do the work in them in a most thorough-

The first of the series of articles by Mrs. Barritt, dealing with educational problems, appeared in *The U.F.A.* of November 1st. In this issue the writer describes the remarkable successes achieved by the Danes in rural education. The next article will deal with educational experiments in Soviet Russia.

going fashion; but at the same time they have seen the way clear to root the entire course of study to the soil in such a manner that they are able to inculcate in the pupils love of soil tilling as a life calling.

Here is the description of one Danish elementary school: The teacher, a man, was completing his thirteenth year in the district and had previously spent nineteen years in another parish. "The school lies high on a rise of land from which can be seen miles of beautiful South Funen landscape. It is surrounded with garden and parking, and at one side and at the front with well-sanded playgrounds. The whole is surrounded by a well-kept living hedge, outside of which forest trees are planted. Immediately beyond the school lie the country church and the manse with its gardens and fields.

"This is a one-teacher school, having a primary school at the distance of a mile. The building is modern and well-built. The teacher has his abode in the school building. (In most cases separate residences are built for the teachers.) The main classroom is well lighted, and heated by a jacketed ventilating stove. There is an abundance of illustrative materials of all kinds, such as geographical and historical maps; biological, physiological and other charts.

Physical and Chemical Apparatus

"A good collection of physical apparatus is used as the basis for simple experiments in natural science. A small chemical cabinet contains what is necessary in milk testing, working with soils and the like. Good geological and ethnological collections are seen neatly arranged in cases at one side of the room. A circulating library of six hundred volumes is available for children and parents. The deep windows are filled with house plants and nature study materials. The school-room is, in short, a good working laboratory for a genuine country school."

Grades five, six, seven and eight were taught in this school. Gymnastics was a feature of the work there, as was also singing, the schoolmaster leading on his violin. "The general impression carried away from this school was that the teacher fully realized the needs of his school community, and had shaped his school work accordingly."

Few With Only One Teacher

In very few rural schools is all the teaching left to one teacher. Where there is not a regularly graded school having two or three teachers in one building, there is generally a separate primary school doing the work of the first four grades and in charge of a woman teacher. Such primary schools teach reading, writing, arithmetic through whole numbers, singing of children's songs and hymns, and through stories largely the outlines of Bible history, Danish history and mythology, geography and nature study. Gymnastics and play, especially

the latter, receive much attention in the primary schools. Hygiene is given through informal discussion. These subjects are continued in the higher grades of the elementary school, nature study taking the form of biology and covering a general outline of botany and zoology and ending with a study of man, and hygiene and sanitation. Illustrative charts and colored pictures play a large part in the teaching of these subjects, as indeed they must wherever good work is done.

A Notable Feature

One item is particularly worthy of note. The mathematics above arithmetic, in which latter subject farm accounting is prominent, is algebra and geometry as applied to mensuration. As an instance of how this should be taught, one half of the class in one school visited was occupied with finding the contents of a seven-sided field the actual dimensions of which they had from their own measurement of the field; the rest were calculating the water surface of a pond lying at some distance from the school.

Alberta Grade XIII pupils also study mensuration. How many of them, think you, apply the rules for cylinders and circles to well curbings and coverings, making actual measurements? How many ever actually measure a haystack and calculate the number of tons it contains? Or even the school-room floor for calculating the cost of linoleum to cover it, or cost of kalsomine or paint for walls and ceilings? Yet the only value of such study is the ability to apply it. Herein lies one of the evils of the text-book method.

Drawing is popular and well taught in the Danish schools. Accuracy and neatness are watchwords in the drawing class. Much the same can be said for the writing classes. Would that as much were true of our own rural schools!

All Teachers Know Violin

Singing is taught in all rural schools. All teachers must be able to instruct in music whether they can sing or not. All teachers know how to use the violin, an instrument generally acknowledged to require more real musical ability than the piano. If such a system can be made to work successfully in Denmark, why should not our teachers be required to be able to play at least the melody in order to teach and accompany children's songs? They will—when we demand it.

Handwork, such as sewing, knitting, darning and embroidery, is required in all rural schools where women teachers are employed. In some of the one-teacher schools with men teachers in charge, the wife of the teacher gives instruction in handwork, for which she is paid. Gymnastics is compulsory for boys and the necessarily small playgrounds are well equipped. The law forbids loitering indoors during intermissions except in inclement weather. The children must be out on the playground and under the eye of the teacher.

A Word About Text Books

Now a word about text-books. Danish schools depend more upon the ability of the teachers and less upon the text-books than with us. The teachers are professionally prepared and consequently know how to draw upon their broad general reading and experience for much of the classroom materials. The textbooks are mere "leading-threads" in the school

work, containing only the fundamental processes and outline studies. But—these teachers are mature and experienced. No teacher can receive a permanent "call" until he has been tested as a substitute teacher, hour teacher and so on. This plan tends to weed out those who are unfit. On the other hand, the teachers are well paid and well housed. The calling is dignified and is held in the highest esteem. The Department of Education has sole authority in all questions of teachers' salaries, pensions and increases; and all such increases above the initial salary paid by the district come from the Government. Education of all the people is regarded as one of the chief concerns of the state, and even needy students are subsidized to enable them to continue school, if they are worthy.

School Sanitation

Before leaving this matter of the elementary school itself, I am going to give in some detail the rules governing school sanitation:

1. The floors must be kept perfectly tight and filled, varnished, painted or covered with linoleum, or otherwise protected from dampness.

2. The classrooms must be aired frequently—both before the session begins and during all intermissions.

3. All school furniture and walls must be wiped with a damp cloth daily. All window panes must be polished at least once a week.

4. The floors must be washed daily, and scrubbed once a week with soap and warm water.

5. The water-closets must be kept scrupulously clean and the excreta emptied frequently. The urinals must be washed out daily.

6. The expense incidental to the enforcement of these regulations shall be borne by the school district. It shall be the duty of the teacher and the local board to see that the regulations are enforced.

Now, my astonished reader, I am neither dreaming, nor drawing on my imagination, quoting from Plato's Republic or More's Utopia—much as you might think so. These are real, honest-to-goodness rules, prescribed by the Ministry of Education of the little kingdom of Denmark for the safeguarding of the health of its future citizens. What would they think of us, if some courageous individual could be found who would undertake to publish the truth concerning our sanitary methods?

Aid for Continuation Schools

Education is free and compulsory from six or seven years to fourteen. Liberal aid is extended by the state to continuation schools such as the folk high schools, local agricultural schools, and schools of household economics. Night schools are maintained by the state in several hundred rural communities for pupils who cannot afford to attend the regular continuation schools. Rural children who desire an education for other than farm life may after completing the elementary school, enter the middle schools of the towns and continue through the high school to the National University or Polytechnic Institute. Or they may enter the various trade schools. But the number who enter the town schools is small compared with those who go on to the farm schools and back to the land.

How are these schools supported? By local taxation and state aid. The commune with its several school districts is the basis. There is also a permanent



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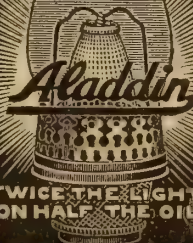
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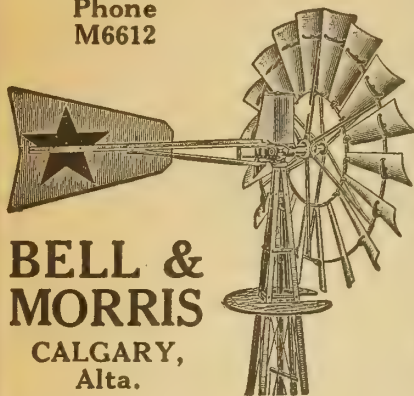
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fund which corresponds in some respects to that which Alberta receives from the Dominion Government through the sale of school lands. But again let me emphasize that the maintenance of a high standard of rural education is one of the chief concerns of the Government of Denmark.

How the Change Came

How did it all come about? First the gradual establishment of schools by such men as the revered Bishop Grundtvig, then, the conquest of the soil and the rise of co-operative institutions, then the control of the Government and the passing of laws which promoted the development of agriculture and the prosperity and security of the agriculturist. Large estates were broken up and parcelled out among state small-holders.

Denmark has a system of rural credits that has made it possible for more than 75,000 families to become freeholders who would otherwise have remained day laborers in the country or else would have been absorbed in the city maelstrom. In 1915 the Government actually was paying 3½ per cent for the money lent to small-holders at 3 per cent, this for a term of 98 years and up to nine-tenths of the value of the holdings. The general feeling was that the nation at large could well afford to pay the difference in order that "all men may get their legs under their own table." Up to that time the national Government had loaned in all \$25,000,000, of which it had lost less than \$10,000. Such low rates over such long term periods enable farmers to develop their holdings to the highest degree of efficiency.

Two years ago another prominent educationalist who visited Denmark in order to study conditions there, said of that country that it holds either the last of the independent farmers or the first really independent farmers that the world has ever seen. Economic conditions created by the rural dwellers themselves and a fairly dense population make possible the type of school Denmark enjoys; and the type of education tends to perpetuate the favorable economic conditions without which support of such schools would be impossible.

What Can We Hope For

Can we in Canada ever hope to attain the same results? Some prominent and sympathetic men in close touch with conditions hold out no such hope. Certainly under existing conditions no great advance is possible. Crop failures, low prices for what we produce and high prices for what we must buy, together with extortionate interest rates, tend to enslave us, body and soul. Unless we can get *statesmen* to direct our Federal affairs instead of party politicians, or on the other hand rouse ourselves sufficiently to send enough aggressive farmer and Labor representatives to Ottawa to hold the balance of power and wring from the Government legislative measures which will permit and encourage virile, educated, progressive people to remain on the land, then all our agitation for better educational facilities will simply be a swan song. If life on the farm is not remunerative and satisfying, parents will push their children off the land as fast as they can.

What of the Future?

Just look around and judge for yourself, reader, if that process is not going on even in this new Province of Alberta right today. Who will take the place of the independent-spirited pioneer and his family? A European peasantry, docile, perhaps even servile, which will be content to use brawn and neglect brain—

content to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for those who regard them as lawful prey. The achievements of the last 25 years and the struggles of, say, the next 10 or 15 years will be merely a flash in the pan.

Pessimistic as it sounds, the outlook from an economic standpoint is not very bright. Apathy seems to have succeeded aggression in the Farmers' movement. Our keen, splendid Federal members appear to be about the only fighting force we have left but how long can they remain keen with an apathetic or self-complacent organization behind them? It looks sometimes as if the only thing capable of instilling virility and fight into the farming population would be another series of disasters to the agricultural industry similar to that of 1920-25 with all creditors given a free hand. Then maybe we might experience another revival.

"A Denmark of the West"

But—the folk high schools developed the spirit of co-operation in Denmark. We have boys and girls growing up in the homes of ardent co-operators. These will furnish the finest material out of which to make teachers for the new farm schools we hope to have. If the proper departments are provided for their training, perhaps we too can develop a race whose watchword will be co-operation. We in Alberta may point the way to the rest of Canada. Then perhaps the agriculturist shall so control economic conditions as to make possible a high rural civilization for all of Canada. If not that, perhaps we of the prairie and mountain shall develop enough backbone to set up in the vast country west of the Great Lakes a Denmark of our own.

The next article, which will be the concluding one of this series, will deal with the educational experiment of Soviet Russia.

THE REPLY WAS PROMPT

A commercial traveller held up in the Orkneys by a storm wired to his firm in Aberdeen: "Marooned by storm. Wire instructions."

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Born Londoner (to London Scot)—Well, if Aberdeenshire is all you say it is, Mr. McGregor, why didn't you stay there?

"I was not thoct to be of average intellect up there, but I've done vera weel down here!"—*The Scotsman*.

ALBERTA LOOKS WEST

(Toronto Globe)

In an address before the Vancouver Canadian Club recently Premier Brownlee of Alberta made this significant statement: "Today the face of Alberta is turned westward instead of eastward. Prior to 1923 Alberta looked down the narrow strip of rails that led to Fort William and other eastern centres. Today Alberta is looking to the Pacific, and the hope of the people is in the development of the Pacific, and there almost entirely."

This remark was not a bit of diplomatic and neighborly flattery for British Columbia consumption. The two Western Provinces have much in common. Alberta is now shipping most of its export wheat westward because of favorable freight rates, and will continue to do so. This will establish broader trading connections between the two Provinces, for, although the Prairie Province will build up its own industries, its imports will grow with population and it will go to its natural trading market outside. It is true that the great stretch of mountains is a dividing line, but it is also a cementing link, for the two popular resorts, Banff and Jasper Park, are in Alberta, and visitors to these places generally think their outing incomplete without a trip to the Coast. British Columbia has many commodities, including fruit, which its next-door neighbor is glad to get. In addition to this, Vancouver and Victoria are the great wintering places for Alberta people who can afford to seek relief from the rigorous home climate, and they number thousands.

Another link in the chain of association, and one to which Premier Brownlee referred, will be the inevitable Pacific outlet for the Peace River country. At present Alberta regards this district as its own, because it is reached through Edmonton and the greater part of the surveyed area is within Alberta. The time, the Premier said, is nearer at hand than most people realize when an outlet for the Peace River district will be one of the outstanding questions of Western Canada life. This will bring Alberta and the Coast Province closer together still.

This is a natural result of progress. There is no reason why Alberta should keep its eyes on the East if the advantages offered are in the West. They are both part of Canada, and their prosperity will be Canada's prosperity. There is no reason, however, why the East should not take cognizance of this relationship and build accordingly. As a *Globe* staff correspondent pointed out in his letters from the West, the East, and especially Ontario, is not paying enough attention to Western developments and watching the trend of progress. The West is not always going to send to Ontario and Quebec for its factory products and remain in "splendid isolation" as an agricultural country. This closer association between British Columbia and Alberta is one of the signs of the changing times. If Eastern business men want to retain Western business connections they will have to go West with part of their investment.

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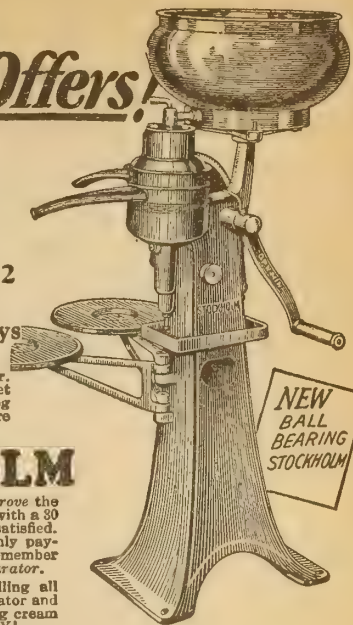
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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

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The following table shows percentage of receipts handled by Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Limited, October, 1928:

	Edmonton	Calgary
No. Firms on yard.	5	7
No. cars on yard	490	488
A.C.L.P. cars	154	143
A.C.L.P. Percentage	31.4	29.2*
Percentage Highest Competitor	42.5	22.6
(*) Incl. Directs.		

MEETING AT HUXLEY

On Saturday, November 10th, there was a meeting at Huxley of those interested in the co-operative shipping of livestock from Ardley to Grainger. The northern half of this territory has been served in the past by the Elnora Co-operative Shipping Association. There has been a move on foot this fall to organize Trochu and Three Hills for co-operative shipping. It was thought desirable to bring the old territory under one head and at this meeting William Hoppins, of Huxley, was elected President and R. T. Beales, Elnora, Secretary. They are arranging with the Provincial Secretary to change the name of their Association to include from Ardley to Grainger. Fred McDondald, the shipping Manager from Mirror, was present and gave them the assistance of his long experience as a shipper.

STEARNS GOES NORTH

H. N. Stearns, the Director in charge of organization work in the Province, left by train recently for the Peace River country for a series of three weeks' meetings in the territory around Spirit River, Grande Prairie, and north of the Peace. This territory has all done successful co-operative shipping for a great many years and in view of the great influx of new settlers into this territory, it was thought desirable to put on a campaign to bring these people into the Associations as co-operators. The Peace River block has had a great advantage in co-operative shipping the last five years. The farmers in that territory had the good fortune when stocking up of having the Dominion Government supply that district with pure bred sires through the old Pure Bred Sire Policy. The use of uniform and good sires has given the north country good quality stock—stock that always sells to advantage at the stock yards; stock that returns the producer the full benefits of co-operative shipping; stock that a farmer does not dare to dollar off to the drover unless he is willing to take a heavy financial loss.

A policy by a community of raising quality stock of one particular breed will now react favorably to the producer, as he has the opportunity of having his quality stock sold co-operatively and getting the full returns. The Dominion Government under its pure bred policy in the past had hard work to make pro-

gress because the farmer who went to the expense of producing better stock did not reap the reward due him in price. The drover absorbed the premium for quality. One can't expect farmers to be enthusiastic about any policy where someone else skims off the cream. Shipping co-operatively pays in ratio to the quality of the stock.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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as compared with 54,291,000 bushels in the corresponding period last fall. The deliveries at country Pool elevators this fall, for each grain, are given here, with the 1927 handlings for the same period in brackets. Wheat, 80,195,000 (50,622,000) Oats, 2,333,000 (890,000); Barley, 3,661,000 (831,000); Flax, 525,000 (517,000) and Rye, 1,648,000 (1,431,000).

Ernest Frisell, Hastings, Nebraska, sent a contract signed by C. E. Watts, of Edgar, Neb., to the Wheat Pool offices recently. Mr. Watts farms three quarter sections in this Province and 1440 acres in Nebraska.

Mrs. A. R. Scott, wife of the Pool elevator agent at Barons, passed away following an operation at the Lethbridge Hospital. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Scott and the four children in their bereavement.

E. Nicholl, Darwell, writes: "I may say that Pool members of this district were all well satisfied with the returns received from the 1927 crop and sure appreciated the services the Pool have given."

"I beg to state that I am well pleased with the way you handled my wheat," writes Fred White, of Atlee, "and thank you again for your effort to try to get my second car raised from a two to a one grade. It shows you are doing your best for the members."

A report appeared in the press a few weeks ago of a Manitoba farmer who loaded the same car twice this fall. R. S. McCrindle, Pool Agent at Cluny, loaded C.P.R. car No. 231077 on the 17th day of September to Vancouver, and again on the 30th day of October. While this is not as rare an occurrence as the Manitoba incident, it is not very often an elevator agent will load the same car twice in the same season.

James A. Allen of Beaver Lodge, Alberta, has forwarded the Pool head office at Calgary a copy of a letter he has recently sent to the Nebraska Wheat Pool, which reads as follows:

"As I am a native of the U.S.A. and for some time lived in Nebraska, I have been asked to send you my opinion of the Wheat Pool of Canada. I have been a member for five years and I think the Pool is a wonderful thing for the farmer and worthy of every farmer's support."

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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and has covered by far the majority of the points showing any considerable volume of wheat in the Province. Any point showing an average handling in excess of 50,000 bushels over a four year period has been equipped with a Pool house. Several of the larger points have the second Pool house, and during the coming season with the sanction of the delegates it is proposed that the system should be very considerably extended, both as to equipping additional points and furnishing additional houses at points that show large Pool handlings.

The aim of the Board is to provide a Pool elevator for every bushel of Pool wheat where it can reasonably be expected, but we might mention just here that it is questionable whether the Pool will ever be justified in providing Pool country and terminal elevators to take care of peak deliveries, as no matter how many houses the Pool might build or buy, for a few weeks during the year congestion might arise at many points. Excessive deliveries during this fall of 1928 have created a situation that may very well have a bearing on the price the member receives in final settlement for the present year's crop. It would appear that consideration should be given to an elastic system of payment of Farm Storage, which has been inaugurated to a slight extent this year, so that deliveries might be delayed until such time as every bushel can be delivered through a Pool elevator, shipped to a Pool terminal and the very last cent derived through selling a crop that has been delivered as nearly as may be in conformity with the demand for it on the world's markets.

No possible good can come to growers of wheat, through excessive deliveries during the fall months, except the satisfaction of having grain delivered, and there is no question but what these excessive deliveries constitute a very definite menace to the financial returns to be received from the crop involved. Your country elevator system has constituted the only certain avenue of supply that the Central Selling Agency has had at their command. Large amounts of grain held in houses belonging to outside interests, which should have been available to our sales organization, have been absolutely denied to them. In many cases this grain has been delivered only when it was to the advantage of the holder to do so.

The usefulness of our country elevators this year and their capacity for handling wheat has been limited by the car supply available to them. This condition obtains in periods of heavy delivery of large crops. When the extreme pressure of deliveries from the threshers is over and large quantities of grain are stored on the farm, there is no reason why a large proportion of the grain delivered during the balance of the year should not be delivered to Pool Elevators with a little patience and good management on the part of the growers, working in conjunction with the Pool elevator operator. We hope and trust that our Pool members will make a very decided effort, both for their own individual benefit and the benefit of the Pool as a whole, to force every possible bushel of Pool wheat through our own houses.

Some criticism has been offered on the payment of our patronage dividend, or refunding of excess charges, as authorized by the delegates at the last meeting. We believe that the large proportion of the critics of this system do not realize all that is involved or all of the reasons why this payment was made, because in addition to the fact that this money was

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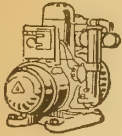
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earned in grain passing through Pool facilities, is the fact that large numbers of members experienced serious inconvenience in delaying their deliveries that they might patronize Pool houses, hauling it at opportune times often over bad roads and during inclement weather and in placing their grain in Pool elevators they made it immediately available to the Central Selling Agency to either sell or protect sales previously made and on which there was every possibility of considerable loss if they found it necessary to go to other companies and purchase this grain (some of which really might be our own) to fill some specific sale. We have no means of ascertaining just how much this protection has been worth but it must have been some considerable sum.

Campbell Amendment

Some of our members have met with a refusal from line companies when they have asked those operators to ship to Pool terminals so that they might participate in any terminal earning arising therefrom. There is no question about the Campbell Amendment. It means what it says—that a grower may deliver his grain for his own account to any elevator operating under a public license that has room to properly handle it and if he has sufficient for a carload that car may be shipped for his account to any terminal the grower may designate after payment of all proper charges for handling and any company refusing to comply with the grower's request immediately lays itself liable for any loss the grower may sustain through its refusal to so ship. Neither the members' contract nor the Pool's handling agreement with the line companies has taken from the grower any rights that were given him under the Campbell Amendment.

Terminal Elevators

Our terminal elevator situation at the Head of the Lakes has changed somewhat from last year in that the house owned by the Provincial Pools in partnership and operated by the Central Selling Agency has been sold to the Manitoba Pool which will continue to operate this house along with another of similar capacity. The Alberta Pool has received their original investment plus improved less depreciation. We have negotiated a lease for a period of five years on the Prince Rupert terminal and one for four years on Government Terminal No. 2 at Vancouver. At Vancouver our new house is finished and is receiving grain, and has every appearance of giving the utmost satisfaction as far as operation is concerned. The return derived from our terminal investment during the season just finished has been quite satisfactory.

Automatic Samplers

The Pool have established automatic samplers in a number of their terminal elevators for taking samples of grain at the time the cars are unloaded. These machines are attached to the conveyor belts and take a running sample from any car the operators may desire. We believe this offers a very good means of checking samples from any car.

Grading Committee

The three Pools have been represented on an Interprovincial Grading Committee during the past year, one member from each Pool acting thereon. This committee has carried on some quite exhaustive investigations and has made a number of recommendations with regard to grading problems. All the various phases therewith cannot be dealt with exhaustively in this report, but any specific

questions will be taken care of by our Alberta member, Mr. C. Jensen.

Addition to the Personnel of the Firm of Legal Advisors to the Pool

Mr. Marshall M. Porter, who has been a resident of this city for ten years and who has been practising law under the firm name of Porter & Naismith for a number of years, has joined with Mr. Brownlee's firm, whose firm name now reads, "Brownlee, Porter & Rankine." Mr. Porter is making an especial study of co-operative marketing generally, and Wheat Pool organization and operation in particular, and will be prepared to give an opinion from a legal viewpoint on problems developing from time to time to confront the Pool.

Income Tax

We have been requested by the Dominion Government to make payment of income tax on our various reserves, but we have raised objection on the ground that those reserves being carried as a trust account for the individual member, may be liable to taxation as income to the individual, but we do not believe they can possibly be considered "income" to this organization and we have accordingly filed protest with the Department.

Conclusion

We have had, as usual, the heartiest co-operation among the members of our staff, who have handled during the past season over 50 per cent more volume than the year before, with practically the same staff. While the organization of the work no doubt is developing year by year, still the very fact of the volume of business being increased by 50 per cent must mean that the individual members have contributed very materially to the successful operation of the year's business, and on behalf of the members of the Association, the Board has tried to convey to the members of our staff the appreciation we feel for the work which has been accomplished.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

George Chard, field service man for the Alberta Wheat Pool, had a narrow escape when the hotel in which he was sleeping was burned down at Sunnynook, Thursday, November 15th. Mr. Chard had just time to grab his clothes and rush down the stairs. He lost his purse containing about \$25 in cash. All this did not deter Mr. Chard from holding a successful meeting at this town on the day following the fire. Close to fifty Pool members turned out to hear Pool affairs discussed. Sunnynook is a good Pool point, and about \$8,000 were distributed in patronage dividends to members by Alberta Pool Elevators from the result of the last year's operations.

TRUST THE PEOPLE

"I am always willing," said the candidate as he hit the table a terrific bang with his clenched fist, "to trust the people."

"Great Scott!" shouted the little man in the audience, "I wish you'd open a grocery store in our district."

Angry Neighbor: "That boy of yours has just thrown a stone at me."

"Did he hit you?"

"No."

"Then it wasn't my boy."

SECOND SERIES EXCEEDS FIRST

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which number each year has been supplemented, giving us at the end of the first five year period a total of 43,863 members, with an acreage of 4,072,545. On August 1st, 1928, 31,118 second series contracts had been registered. During September and October a further 3,978 members were added, making our total 35,096 members as at October 31st, 1928, with 4,074,771 acres under contract, or 2,226 acres more than acreage as at Aug. 1st, 1928, under our first series contract.

During the past six months over 12,000 contracts have been recorded, which is by far a greater number than during any similar period of the operations of the Pool. These results are no doubt due to the splendid efforts of our canvassers and supervisors working under the guidance of delegates of each district.

Our field service staff, as well as Pool elevator agents, have contributed to a very important extent during the past three or four months towards these satisfactory results.

Average acreage per member under our Second Series Contract represents 116 acres, as compared to 93 acres under our First Series. Since June of this year, a complete list of all members signing Second Series Contracts has been sent to canvassers, supervisors, delegates and Pool Elevators' agents, and we understand this has been of considerable assistance in handling our sign-up work.

At the present time we have on our list 1,703 canvassers, and 141 supervisors, and in addition all Pool Elevators' agents who are appointed as canvassers.

Since the special delegates' meeting last May, over 1,100 coarse grain contracts have been received, making a total as at October 31st, 1928, of 3,386 members, covering 190,964 acres, or an average per member of 56 acres.

Field Service Department

E. R. Briggs, formerly Assistant Superintendent of our Growers' Department, in charge as Superintendent.

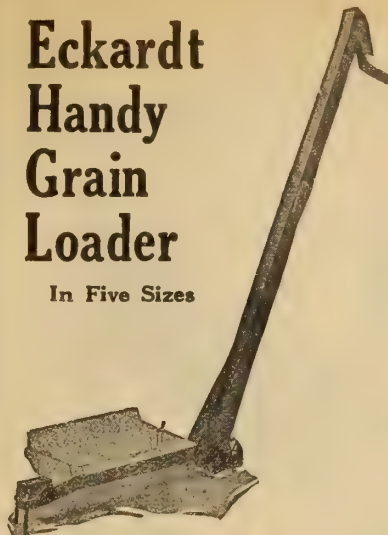
This Department was recently organized as a part of the administration, to be responsible for the direction of the field service staff, Wheat Pool locals, country organization work as directed by the Board, breach of contract, and administration of seed and feed permits.

Our field service staff as now organized consists of the following men: E. E. Eisenhauer; W. F. Grafton, Norman Nelson, W. Pettinger, George Chard, J. L. McKenzie, J. P. Watson, J. A. Cameron, A. D. Babiuk, L. Normandeau. Services of the last two mentioned, Mr. Babiuk and Mr. Normandeau, are utilized throughout the Province in connection with Russian and French communities respectively, while the balance of our staff have definite territory allocated to them in which to carry on their work. It is the purpose of our field staff to assist, and encourage in every way possible, a closer contact as between members and this association, by calling on the members, delegates, canvassers, officials of locals and Pool elevator agents, giving and receiving information, and extending their services in any way possible in the interests of the membership.

In the administration of Wheat Pool locals, we are checking up same through our field men in order to find out which locals are active and give assistance to locals that have become inactive. We have over 300 locals on our records, and we hope in time to have a local serving every shipping point in the Province, as undoubtedly these locals are of considerable assistance in forming a point of contact between members and the association. It is also possible that these

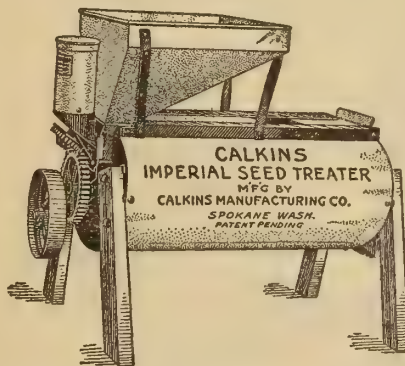
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locals may be of some help in dealing with breach of contract cases.

Meetings are arranged by the Field Service Department at the request of delegates, Pool members and locals, and these meetings are addressed usually by the Directors, Pool officials and field service men, and every assistance possible is rendered toward making these meetings a success.

It is one of the duties of this Department to investigate any breach of contract that is reported, or when we receive information that would lead us to believe that there has been deliberate breach of the contract. In carrying on this work, we expect, with the assistance of our field men and Pool locals, to have a much more efficient method of checking up suspected cases of breach of contract than has been our position in the past.

During the past year a considerable number of cases were reported to us, which were dropped for lack of evidence of a breach. Your Directors instructed that action be taken in 22 cases, and these were turned over to our solicitors for action. In two cases delinquent members have paid liquidated damages, totalling \$457.25, and there are some 20 cases still in the hands of our solicitors. We have a number of cases still under observation, investigation not having been completed.

During the past season 1,450 seed and feed permits were issued by this association to our members.

Publicity Department

L. D. Nesbitt in charge of work as Superintendent.

This department was formed to disseminate Pool information and to keep the members well informed on Pool activities. To accomplish this the columns of *The U.F.A.* newspaper have been used to a very considerable extent and with satisfactory results. News articles and news items have also been supplied to the daily and weekly press and to co-operative organizations located elsewhere in Canada and foreign countries. Many letters are being received continually from persons anxious to learn about the Wheat Pool, and this Department furnishes the required information.

The duty of preparing advertisements for newspapers and general publicity naturally falls upon this Department; also the planning of the calendar which is being sent out annually to all Pool members.

Radio work also comes under the Publicity Department and appears to be getting good results. Other work undertaken has been arranging for booths at fairs at Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge, and preparing Pool displays; undertaking gathering and preparation of lantern slides for Pool lectures; maintaining a friendly relation with newspapers of the Province.

Supplies Department

In charge of C. Barrett as Superintendent.

Printing, stationery and supplies handled by this Department for the Pool and Pool Elevators for twelve months ending August 31st, 1928, amounted to approximately \$40,000. During the past year, approximately 508,000 pieces of mail were handled, being an average of 1,650 pieces for each working day, and at a postal expenditure of approximately \$12,000.

In connection with our handling of mail, our mail meter equipment which was installed some eighteen months ago, has effected a very considerable saving in handling this large volume. Our addressograph equipment has taken care

of the addressing of all envelopes for circulars, etc., sent to our members, besides addressing over 800,000 copies of *The U.F.A.*, and has resulted in a substantial saving in our cost of operation.

Over 15,000 new addressograph plates and changes have been made during the past twelve months.

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In submitting the foregoing report for your consideration, I trust it will be realized, in the handling of our large volume of business and the administration of the same in a manner satisfactory to our members, that such requires a keen appreciation of the work involved by all departments. In this connection, I desire to record my personal appreciation of such services, and to assure you that in our work of the past season, our staff have clearly indicated their continued loyalty and co-operation to the fullest extent, in the administration of the affairs of our association.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) R. D. PURDY.

Keay Sues Wheat Pool

H. W. Keay of Jenner, Alberta, signer of the First Series contract, has brought an action against the Alberta Wheat Pool claiming that the Pool has not the technical right to distribute Pool elevator earnings on a patronage basis. Mr. Keay through his solicitors, McGillivray & Helman, has issued a statement of claim to which along with the aforementioned major complaint, are joined numerous other allegations suggesting that the Pool is without legal right to handle the wheat of its members as it has done since its inception. As this matter is now in the courts, it cannot be discussed freely and frankly. However, Pool members are at perfect liberty to think over this matter and come to their own conclusion. In the final analysis the Pool is governed by the membership through its delegates. While there may be differences of opinion as to methods of operation and policies to be followed, the will of the majority of the members must prevail. There is no occasion for the membership to become unduly excited by this action, neither is there any reason for any great elation among the well-known opponents of the pooling system.

FARMERS IN CONTROL

One of the first acts of Juliu Maniu, leader of the peasant's organization in Rumania, who came into power in November, was to order the reduction of the state gendarmerie by 12,000 men, and to decree that the conscription class of 1917 should be sent home. The gendarmerie, or state police, have been employed for many years in terrorizing the peasants and working people of Rumania. According to independent British citizens who visited that country recently, the former Government practiced gross cruelty in its attempt to keep down the people who were striving to free themselves from an age-long oppression. This state of affairs led to a remarkable pilgrimage a year ago when "60,000 peasants, with their rations tied up in their handkerchiefs, marched quietly to Bucharest, the capital, in protest against the rule of the Bratianus and the rich landowners." It is considered possible that the new Government will eventually overthrow the monarchy and establish a republic.

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Pool Progress in Manitoba in 1928

By F. D. BRADBROOK

The Manitoba Wheat Producers, Limited, smallest of the three Provincial Pools on the prairie, is just now starting away on its second contract period, as are Alberta and Saskatchewan. There is this difference, however. Whereas the five-year contracts of the two larger Pools all date from the same crop year and expire simultaneously, in Manitoba the Pool contract expires five years from the date of signature, so that each crop year brings its quota of expiring contracts to be re-signed.

The Manitoba Pool enters its fifth year with the largest membership it has ever had. As at November 1st there were 20,179 active shippers of grain, and as many of them belong to both wheat and coarse grain Pools the contracts in force amount to over 34,000. There are considerable areas in Manitoba where scarcely any wheat is grown, so that the proportion of coarse grains marketed is greater than in the other Provinces. This total membership represents something in the vicinity of 40 percent of Manitoba farmers, and it is reasonable to assume that the same proportion holds good as regards acreage, although this is naturally an uncertain factor.

In bushels handled, last year was a poor one for the Manitoba Pool. The full percentage was delivered through the organization, but the crop was a poor one generally and the oats were almost a total failure. The result was a higher overhead, although various credits and surpluses from the previous year's operations brought the net deduction for administration down to just under one cent per bushel. The amounts handled were as follows: 11,194,380 bushels of wheat, with 15.27 per cent in the contract grades; 639,374 bushels of oats, of which 12.80 percent went into the two high grades; 4,714,156 bushels of barley, 43.44 per cent being 3 C.W.; 251,414 bushels of flax, 44.59 per cent 1 N.W.; 578,257 bushels of rye, 34.41 per cent 2 C.W.

The inferior quality of the wheat and oat crop, and the small size of the latter, are obvious from the above figures. That the membership at large was satisfied with the way their business was handled was indicated in the recent annual meeting at Brandon. The delegates of the various districts not only re-elected all their directors, but also voted unanimous commendation of the Central Selling Agency in their action of reducing the initial payment. This was done after minute investigation of the circumstances.

The Directors representing the seven Pool districts of Manitoba are: No. 1, W. G. Weir; No. 2, R. F. Chapman; No. 3, C. H. Burnell; No. 4, W. G. A. Gourlay; No. 5, John Quick; No. 6, Paul F. Bredt; No. 7, Stuart Gellie. Mr. Burnell is President and Mr. Bredt Vice-president of the Manitoba Pool.

Elevators

Ever since the Manitoba Pool commenced to acquire its own handling facilities in 1926 there has been steady growth along this line. Commencing with eight country houses the system has grown until there are now 143 Pool Elevators in Manitoba and a building program already in formation for the coming season. Each elevator is operated independently by its own local association, with supervisory and accounting service only from Manitoba Pool Elevators, Limited. A minimum of 7,000

acres must be signed up to each association before the elevator is built, thus assuring a good handle in average years. A flat charge of 2½ cents per bushel is made on all Pool grain going through the house, and there are also storage charges and terminal earnings credited to the association. From these are paid a ten percent instalment on the elevator, which is, of course, built out of the Wheat Pool elevator fund; seven percent on the construction cost; all operating expenses, and frequently a surplus to go back to members according to the bushels each one delivered during the year.

Eighty-four of these elevator associations were formed during the past year and had elevators built to handle the season's crop. With twice the number of houses and a considerably heavier crop than last year the difference in handling is striking. At November 8th, 1928, 16,701,000 bushels net (less dockage) of the new crop had passed through Manitoba Pool elevators. At the same time last year the total handling was 3,830,000 bushels, and during the entire crop year only 6,491,000 bushels passed through.

The largest week this fall was one in which 3,330,000 bushels were handled by Manitoba Pool elevators, and the biggest day showed 750,000 bushels.

During the year the Central Selling Agency decided to discontinue the operation of terminal elevators and leave each Provincial Pool to handle its own terminal facilities. In pursuance of this policy the Manitoba Pool purchased the terminal previously owned by the Central Selling Agency at Port Arthur, and leased another at the same port, thus acquiring terminal space at the Lake head amounting to 2,675,000 bushels. In addition to these a terminal was bought at Winnipeg for the special handling of feed and seed grain, this house having a capacity of 130,000 bushels.

Rust and Good Seed

Manitoba suffers from wheat stem rust rather more severely than the other Provinces, and this year the Manitoba Pool interested itself more actively in rust prevention measures, collaborating with the Dominion Rust Research Laboratory in certain field experiments. The Pool provided some equipment and arranged with certain of its members to carry out the instructions of the Dominion Laboratory. The experiments were a failure this year, very fortunately, since the lack of results was due entirely to a general lack of rust in the Province.

The serious matter of wheat quality has also taken the attention of the Board of Directors. Good seed being a paramount factor in improving the product, a plan was worked out in collaboration with the Manitoba Agricultural College and the Dominion Experimental farms at Brandon and Morden. Under this scheme two boys or girls at each Pool elevator point in the Province were provided with seed for a small experimental plot each. One hundred and forty-four young people took up the project and sent their grain in to the Manitoba Agricultural College in the fall. There were five or six standard varieties sown, and the yield and grade obtained from them indicates, in some measure, the suitability of each to various Manitoba districts. The tentative results, as presented by Prof. T. J. Harrison to

the Pool Annual Meeting in Brandon occasioned great interest, and it is almost certain that the plan will be carried on.

At the instigation of the Manitoba Wheat Pool a meeting was called last winter to which the other co-operative organizations in the Province were invited to send representatives. The result is seen in the Manitoba Co-operative Conference, to which belong the Portage Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Wawanese Mutual Insurance Company, the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Manitoba Egg and Poultry Marketing Association, the Manitoba Wheat Pool and the Manitoba Co-operative Livestock Producers. The conference has issued a pamphlet giving a history of each of the associations composing it, and they have also met to act on other matters connected with the welfare of co-operation in the Province.

In a season when the crop was poor, and in which the price of wheat at harvest time was very discouraging, the Manitoba Pool can show a record of achievement during the year, and a membership for the coming one, which is gratifying in the extreme. The latter at least indicates confidence in the Pooling system and its ability to work effectively for its members and co-operation at large.

Co-operation

Two country jackasses (now get this dope)
Were tied together with a piece of rope.
Said one to the other, "You come my way
While I take a nibble at some new mown
hay."

"I won't," said the other, "you come with
me,
For I, too, have got some hay, you see."
So they got nowhere, just pawed up dirt,
And, oh, by golly, how that rope did
hurt!

Then they faced about, these stubborn
mules,
And said: "We are just like human fools.
Let's pull together, I'll go your way,
And you come mine and we'll both eat
hay."

Well, they both ate hay and liked it too;
They swore to be comrades staunch and
true.

As the sun went down they were heard
to say:
"Oh, this is the end of a perfect day!"

Now get this lesson—don't let it pass—
E'en though it is learned from a poor
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We must pull together, 'tis the only way
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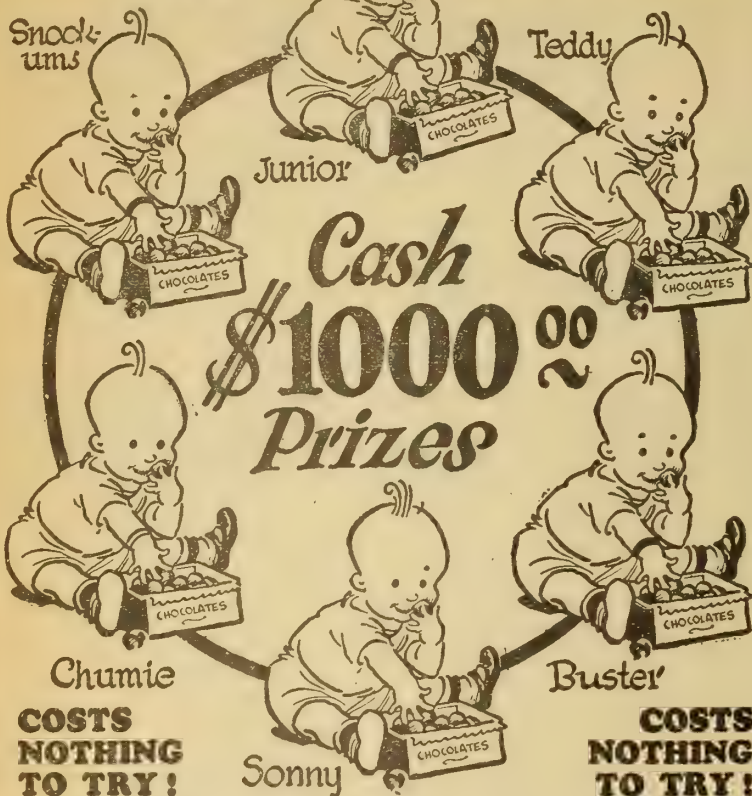
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DEVELOPMENT OF POOL ELEVATOR

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handled through your 162 country elevators, 19,682,767 bushels were special binned or graded stored, and 7,361,541 bushels graded and handled by cash ticket. On the latter amount our losses on grades exceeds our gains in grades by \$49,060.44. The surplus or overage in weights at our country elevators is less than one per cent and will indicate to you that our agents have been very careful in their weighing and have endeavored to give every member as correct grades and weights as was humanly possible to complete.

During the 1928-29 season your Elevator Department will be operating elevators at a minimum of 307 points throughout the Province. This means an addition of 150 elevators over the year previous, of which 22 were bought and 128 built.

In addition to operating a terminal at Prince Rupert and Vancouver we have now started operating our new terminal at Vancouver and to date have received therein in excess of four million bushels. This new terminal is not yet all completed and has not been taken over from the contractors, but I believe that when completed it will be a credit to the Pool and will be one of the finest and most up-to-date plants on the continent.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) C. M. HALL,
General Manager.

New Pool Elevators

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, held during the week of the 18th of November, it was decided to build nine new elevators immediately. The list of locations is as follows: second houses at Lomond, Barons and Carmangay; first houses at Travers, Blacklock, Grassy Lake, Winnifred, Nemiscam and Siding No. 2 at the end of steel on the Woolford extension.

New Travelling Superintendent

Joe Quinn has been appointed general travelling superintendent for Pool Elevators, succeeding the late H. M. Pearson. Mr. Quinn has been with the Pool Elevators for two years, acting as traveller on the Calgary-Edmonton line. J. S. Johnston, of Shepard, has been appointed traveller on the C. & E. line.

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the knife should reach through the mouth so that the point is just back of the skull, and towards the left of the killer. The point should be pressed down, and drawn slightly forward and across the base of the skull to the right; then back to the left, to make certain that the jugular vein is severed.

Immediately after killing, picking should commence. Do not scald. Leave on the nine small feathers at the tips of the wings. Every effort should be made to remove all pin feathers, and it is also important that the skin should not be torn. The birds should be allowed to cool for 24 hours before shipment. No part of the carcass should be removed.

To ship, wrap the head to protect the body from blood. A clean barrel makes a good container, if sufficient birds are being shipped to fill one. First line it with paper, then circle the birds around; small birds at the bottom, bigger ones in the middle, and smaller ones at the top. A space about the diameter of a stove pipe will remain up the middle; break the paper here to provide ventilation. Cover the top with sacking, nailed securely. For smaller lots, suitable boxes can usually be obtained. Great care is needed to pack firmly, so as to prevent bruising in transit.

Every possible care should be taken to prevent the birds from freezing on the way from home to town.

Correspondence

WHEAT GRADING

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

I have read with interest Mr. L. J. Cochrane's and Mr. T. H. Rowe's letters on page 33 of your issue of November 15th, and while certainly agreeing with the former that we are not getting enough for our low grades of wheat, might I offer the suggestion we are losing on the high grades as well.

One is led to believe by the present standard of buying that there is "no such animal" as No. 1 produced by the farmers, No. 2 and 3 being almost as rare. For my own part I am of the opinion, and I think most farmers will agree, that the quality of our wheat has improved in recent years and yet we are reading and being told, and advised continually, that the Canadian wheat standard must be raised and not lowered! Why? Is it to allow the mixing houses at the terminals more leeway, or to allow the U.S.A. importers to buy our good wheat cheaper to mix with their own and dump on the world market in direct opposition, besides making a big rake-off in the difference between grades in the States and here?

Need Basis to Work on

Why not admit that the samples of grain sold in England, or elsewhere, are far inferior to the grades bought from the farmer under the present grading system. Admitting this would at least give us some basis to work on, instead of beating around the bush. To be as broad-minded as possible we will presume the Grain Act was put into force with the idea of setting a definite standard and protecting producer and the Grain Trade, but if this is so, why do grades vary every year, and wheat weighing 63 lbs. per bushel only grade 6, when 95 per cent frozen and 51 lbs. is the law. And so on all down the line, and note, always adversely to the farmer's interest.

Is this discrimination or not? And why should there not be as critical an inspection of wheat exported for world competition as that shown the farmer

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selling load by load, where every kernel of his crop can be inspected as it runs out. It would be interesting to know of the 400 different grades that we are told go into the terminals, how many grades and what they are come out. Not 400 I'll warrant!

As regards Mr. Cochrane's idea of mixing and making two mixtures, this I think is a good suggestion, provided the Pool and public opinion were strong enough to ignore or change the present grain standards and Government inspection. I do not want to criticise the astuteness of the British miller, but from evidence available, he does not know what No. 1 is and if he does, does not want it, as he was not willing to pay any more for the shipment the Pool sent over some time ago. Obviously then, he is satisfied with the mixture he now buys.

Some time ago I sent a sample of registered No. 1 Bobs wheat to the corn exchange in London, England, and had it graded by a member, who, expert as he was, could not place it, but hazarded a guess it might be bastard Canadian! So much for what our produce *unmixed* looks like over there.

Yours, FRED S. R. PHILLIPS.

Hughenden, Alta.

[Other letters are held over to next issue—
Editor.]

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

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well as some of the things to be dealt with during the next session.

Hon. R. G. Reid also favored us with an address that was full of food for serious thought. Two matters I will mention, as they deal with fundamentals. He said that he had noted everywhere the practice of co-operation was acting as a great welding force in uniting the people of the Province together. He had noted it again quite recently among the members of a newly formed fish pool. In regard to the U.F.A., he had this to say: We have accomplished some very noteworthy things in co-operation. We are sending our U.F.A. Members to Ottawa; we have established a U.F.A. Provincial Government; our Wheat Pool is well established and doing splendid work; other Pools also functioning; but it is most important to keep up the virility and strength in our U.F.A., the organization that gave birth to these various endeavors, because if our U.F.A. failed, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for these enterprises to function to our satisfaction.

So let's get busy and put new life and pep into our Locals and do our part to keep the old tree, that has produced so well, in a healthy flourishing condition.

Resolutions were carried asking that the Provincial Government spend equal amounts on main highways and market roads, and approving the suggestion that dues be collected through the various Pools. A resolution regarding imprisonment for debt was referred back to the Locals for further consideration.

Mrs. Hepburn, U.F.W.A. Director, Donald Cameron, M.L.A. and Mrs. Cameron were visitors to the convention.

Officers Elected

The officers for the coming year are: President, S. P. Boyd, Olds; vice-president, L. McComb, Huxley; secretary-treasurer, Wm. H. Hoppins, Huxley. Directors: C. E. Maddox, Huxley; Mrs. J. J. Miller, Huxley; H. L. Frayne, Trochu; Mrs. McKay, Lobley; A. Fletcher, Mound; H. D. Black, Bowden; E. Kerr, Wimborne; D. Peters, Wimborne; J. H. Dickinson, Wimborne; E. Esperson, Olds; M. Beatty, Bowden; H. L. Taggart, Olds

Many U.F.W.A. Delegates Are Present at Pembina

(By A. R. BROWN, Secretary)

One of the most successful conventions ever held by the Pembina Constituency Association took place at Westlock on November 15th. There were 45 officers and delegates present, besides a large number of visitors.

The Convention was remarkable for the large number of U.F.W.A. delegates present and also the first representation from Junior Locals. A large number of resolutions were discussed. H. Critchlow acted as chairman with Jos. Messmer as assistant. Among the speakers were D. M. Kennedy, M.P., and Geo. MacLachlan, M.L.A. The program was varied with songs by some of the lady delegates. Papers were read by Mrs. McInnis, Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Edgson, which were well received and discussed by the convention.

Officers Elected

Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, H. Critchlow; vice-president, Mrs. Jas. Rabb; Directors: J. K. Birnie, Thos. Cailles, Mrs. A. R. Brown, Carl Antonson, W. E. Curtis, Jos. Messmer, with one director yet to be chosen.

The U.F.A. membership and spirit seem to be very much alive in Pembina as evidenced by the interest and enthusiasm shown at this convention. A list of the resolutions passed will be furnished *The U.F.A.* for publication. The next midsummer convention of our Association will be held at Barrhead.

Rising U.F.A. Spirit Shown in Bow Valley

The Bow Valley Convention which was held in Bassano, November 16th, was said by many to be the most successful the Association had ever held. Mr. Garland said it was the best small convention he had attended in Alberta.

There was a good turnout of delegates and visitors, over 100 persons being present, while in the evening about 250 listened to speeches by E. J. Garland, M.P., who gave a brief talk, and Premier Brownlee, who spoke at length on legislative affairs, holding the close attention of the audience for an hour and a half. The day's events showed that there is an excellent U.F.A. spirit coming to the fore in Bow Valley.

At the afternoon session, addresses were given by H. Hansen, who appealed for the extension of the ideals of co-operation, by Mr. Young of the Livestock Pool, and by E. J. Garland, M.P., for Bow River, who was in his usual good form. Mr. Garland made a most effective speech, dealing with problems of legislation and emphasizing the need to maintain the organization at full strength. At 6 o'clock the delegates and U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. visitors were entertained at a turkey supper given by the ladies of Bassano Local, about 100 persons participating. Miss Elma Heffebower and Miss Phyllis Plumer contributing to an entertainment program, and at a concert in the masonic hall the artists were Mrs. E. A. Wagler, Standard; Mrs. Wirt, Mrs. B. Plumer, Bassano; Mrs. P. Rogers, of Chancellor and Miss Harrington of Gem; Mrs. Talkington and Mrs. Shaw of Duchess.

An address of welcome to the guests and visitors by Ben Plumer was replied to by the Premier.

The hall was packed for the evening

meeting, numbers who were unable to find seats, standing in the rear. Mr. Garland stressed the need to subordinate individualism to secure the advantages of co-operation, through which alone the present control of government by the power of money could be ended. The Premier, dealing in a very frank and illuminating way with Provincial problems, held the close attention of the audience for an hour and a half.

A dance following the meeting proved a great success, clearing the whole of the convention expenses.

Officers Elected

Officers were elected as follows: President, J. M. Wheatley, Chancellor; first vice-president, W. Sheldrake, Duchess; second vice-president, Mrs. B. Plumer, Bassano; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. B. Hall, Bassano. Directors: C. Anderson, Scandia; C. Indergard, Duchess; L. Snyder, Wayne; H. Mattson, Chancellor; Mrs. W. Pollock, Gem; C. H. Comstock, Rosebud; J. A. Menard, Cluny; R. H. Jones, Bassano.

Two important resolutions were passed by this convention, one dealing with farm loans and the other with immigration. (These will be published later.—Editor.)

LORENA HALL,
Secretary.

Organizing Tour in Bow River Arouses Much Interest

Locals Reorganized and New Locals Formed

Many successful meetings, leading to a revival of interest in the U.F.A., are reported in the Bow River Federal Constituency, where H. Hanson, Director, H. W. Leonard, Secretary of the Bow River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, and E. J. Garland, M.P. for the constituency, are on tour.

On November 14th a very good meeting of the U.F.W.A. was held at Tudor, at the home of Mrs. H. A. Ruppe, and in the evening of the same day, the party proceeded to Nightingale, where there was a well attended meeting, and the Local was reorganized, the following officers being elected: Henry Benson, president; I. C. Slonaker, vice-president; E. M. Stoodley, secretary-treasurer. Dues were fixed at \$5 per member, and fourteen members signed up, while there are excellent prospects of the enrolment of new members. The *Strathmore Standard*, commenting on the evening's events, states:

"After ample justice had been done to the lovely eats provided by the U.F.W.A. splendid addresses were given by H. W. Leonard, Harvey Hanson and E. J. Garland, M.P. Mr. Leonard outlined the special work that had been accomplished by the U.F.A. Mr. Hanson dealt very fully with the need of co-operation among the farmers and how they should look after their own interests; while Mr. Garland very cleverly presented the picture of what united work could accomplish, which result it was impossible to achieve through individual effort. He strongly urged support of the local organization."

Chancellor Reorganized

On the afternoon of November 14th, an excellent meeting was held at Standard, much interest in the addresses of the speakers being shown, and a keen desire to build up the Association being revealed among those present. In the evening Chancellor Local was reorganized, fol-

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EDITORIAL

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obtain to the fullest extent the advantages of cheap power. It is only under public ownership that the primary industry can be guaranteed a fair share at reasonable rates of whatever power may be made available.

On grounds of public policy and in the interests of the future of agriculture, it is desirable that our power resources should be publicly owned.

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THREE GRATIFYING ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the field of Provincial affairs three gratifying announcements have been made during the past week.

The first was to the effect that the directors of the Canadian National Railways have decided to become parties on equal terms with the Canadian Pacific Railway in the purchase and operation of the northern railways.

The second was the revelation that Alberta's surplus for the last fiscal period totalled \$279,763.13.

The third was the announcement that the railways and telephones will show very satisfactory results on the present year's operation, and that there will be a surplus in the Telephones Department.

These announcements give concrete evidence of the success achieved by the Government in their efforts to secure economy and efficiency in administration; and of the soundness of the plan adopted in the disposition of the Provincial railways.

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DUTY FREE ROAD MACHINERY

Admission of heavy road machinery duty free was demanded by the Convention of Alberta Municipal Districts last week, on the ground that the present duty and sales tax make the cost of this machinery unduly high.

The demand is warranted. The removal of the duty would assist materially in the solution of our road building problems—problems which are essentially financial. And the fight for the removal of the duty can consistently be carried on by organizations, such as the U.F.A., and by the elected representatives of the Association, so long as they refuse to compromise on the tariff issue.

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FARMERS AND THE TARIFF

Some newspapers have recently advanced the alluring suggestion that the farmers should join in the general scramble for tariff protection. "The tariff is there; why not try to get something out of it for yourself?" is the argument.

When the organized farmers are strong enough to "get something out" of the tariff without being compelled to give away more than they get, perhaps they will be able to insist instead on heavy reductions in the tariff on all the goods they must buy.

To enter into an unequal contest for tariff advantages with those who today control the tariff policies of both political parties seem rather like fighting the devil with fire.

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THE INCOME TAX

It is reported that the Dominion Government are flirting with the idea of abolishing the income tax, on the ground that this policy would be a "vote catcher."

Abolition of the income tax would give relief mainly to Canada's wealthiest citizens. The taxes which bear most heavily and most inequitably on the average citizen of this country are the indirect taxes—customs duties and the sales tax, for instance.

The income tax is the soundest tax because it is based upon the principle that those citizens who are best able to pay shall carry the heaviest burdens.

The Government, apparently, have a low estimate of the intelligence of the average voter.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS

(Alberta Farmer)

If we have money to spend on getting and establishing on the land hundreds of thousands of immigrants from other lands, how about appropriating some of our surplus cash to the cause of settling thousands of Canadian farmers' sons and daughters on this same land and establishing them there? Hundreds of these young men and women are leaving the farms and the country yearly because of lack of permanent settlement opportunity. Filling up all the unoccupied areas with immigrants may make satisfactory settlement of our own people on the land more difficult and still further encourage abandonment of farm life by the rising generation now on the land.

Alberta's Surplus Totals \$279,763.13 ---\$232,873.71 in Excess of Estimates

Statement by Provincial Treasurer Reveals Healthy Increase in Provincial Revenues

EDMONTON, Nov. 28.—The Provincial surplus for the fifteen months ending March 31st, 1928, exceeded the estimates by \$232,873.71, it was announced by Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, today. The estimated surplus was \$46,889.42, and the actual surplus realized was \$279,763.13.

Revenue exceeded the estimates by \$490,488.04, and expenditure by \$257,614.33. The estimated revenue was \$15,659,407.64, and the actual revenue \$16,149,895.68. The estimated expenditure was \$15,612,518.22, and the actual expenditure \$15,870,132.55.

The net bonded debt of the Province showed an increase during the period of \$3,272,323.97. At December 31, 1926, the net bonded debt was \$84,469,607.32, and on March 31st, 1928, it was \$87,741,931.29.

The period covered in the report is fifteen months on account of the change in the fiscal year from December 31st, the former closing date, to March 31st.

It is noteworthy that if the Province were still on a cash basis, as are most of the other Provinces, the surplus would be \$558,189.61, which is the actual excess of revenue over expenditure. In taking account of the surplus, however, the system of accounting introduced by the U.F.A. Government allows for accounts payable. The result is that the surplus appears smaller by \$278,426.48 than would have been shown under the former system of accounting.

Summary of Expenditure

The increased expenditure was partially caused by the change in the fiscal period. By departments increases may be attributed to:

Agriculture: Earlier payment of grants to Agricultural Societies.

Attorney General: Grants under the Mothers' Allowance Act.

Education: Grants to schools.

Executive Council: Accrued contribution to the Superannuation fund and unemployment relief.

Public Health: Grants to hospitals and expenditure for charitable purposes.

Public Works: Maintenance of main highways, public buildings and institutions.

Provincial Secretary: Commissions paid under the gasoline vendors' tax act.

Railways: Special expenses covering rate cases.

Treasury: Refunds of previous year's revenue.

Summary of Revenue

The actual results show an increase over the estimates by \$490,488.04.

Revenue for the Dominion of Canada on school lands fund decreased \$74,459.82 and grant for population \$15,246.40; miscellaneous revenue of the Department of Agriculture decreased \$58,493.70; liquor profits realized \$392,009.50 in excess of the estimates; land titles revenue showed an increase of \$74,538.57; succession duties an increase of \$128,953.75 and mothers' allowance re-imbursements of \$31,159.25; through the disallowance of the Mine Owners' tax there was a shrinkage of \$203,132.52.

Municipal Affairs revenue decreased \$294,341.47 through decreased educational, wild lands, and supplementary revenue taxes.

The Provincial Secretary's Department showed a substantial increase in revenue of \$336,684.07 due to increased collections from automobile licenses.

The increase in the Treasury Department is due to interest and profits on investments.

Accounts payable at March 31, 1928, included in the expenditure for the year amounted to \$1,605,937.60 as compared with \$1,327,511.12 at December 31, 1926. By providing for these accounts the cash surplus of \$558,189.61 was reduced to a true surplus of \$279,763.13.

WHEN MEN ARE HAPPIEST

"Libertarianism is the theory that men are happiest, not when they are rigorously policed, but when they are free—happiest and safest. It is grounded on the assumption that the normal man is actually normal, which is to say, decent and well disposed, even though he may be stupid. It proceeds to the corollary that if this is not true, then nothing whatever can be done about it."—H. L. Mencken



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ORGANIZING TOUR IN BOW VALLEY (Continued from page 49)

lowing an enthusiastic meeting, the officers elected being J. M. Wheatley, Chancellor, president, P. Rogers, secretary-treasurer. "The visit of our officers and our member will have a wonderful effect, and we expect to have a live and vigorous Local," said Mr. Wheatley, who called at The U.F.A. office in Calgary subsequently. "You're going to hear from us." Mr. Wheatley added humorously that the visitors must have liked the district, because they drove a distance of 25 miles by a remarkably devious route, to cover the seven miles intervening between Standard and Chancellor.

Membership Drive Planned

The party had a good meeting in the schoolhouse at Makepeace on the afternoon of November 15th, when a membership drive was planned; and a large crowd attended the evening meeting held on the same day at Hussar. This Local also was reorganized, about 15 members being signed up. The officers are W. D. Moffat, president; Andrew Brown, vice-president; F. Muller, secretary-treasurer.

Following the annual convention of the Bow Valley Provincial Constituency Association at Bassano, on November 16th, the party proceeded to Milo, where the large room in the Arrowwood school house was filled on the afternoon of November 17th, by a most attentive audience. The meeting was followed by a delightful chicken supper, generously provided by the Arrowwood U.F.W.A.

On the evening of the same day, addresses were given at Milo, and the Milo Local entertained the visitors over Sunday at the expense of the Local at the local hotel—a welcome arrangement, as it afforded the party a much needed rest. On November 19th, at Lomond, there was a well attended meeting, and the Local was reorganized, after two years' inactivity. The following officers were elected: Herbert West, president; Wm. A. Newton, vice-president; and A. W. Tullock, secretary. A good sign-up was secured, mostly paid up at the time.

Big Crowd at Midway

The meeting at Midway was the best attended of the series. Many people from Badger Lake were present. A canvass was made of those not yet members of the Local (which already had a good membership) and ten new members were secured and paid up. An interesting incident occurred here when a farmer from Bow City district requested the speakers to go there and organize a new Local. His insistence was such that the one spare day during the tour will be used for the purpose.

On the afternoon of the 20th a meeting was held at Travers, where Mr. Lawrence Peterson, M.L.A., joined the party of speakers. Mr. Peterson commented especially on the value of such a series of meetings.

For the foregoing account of the tour to date we are indebted in part to Mr. Leonard, in part to members of the Locals visited, who speak with enthusiasm of the work which is being done, and in part to local weekly papers in the districts visited.

To Members in Gleichen

To all U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Members in Gleichen Provincial Constituency Association.

Dear Fellow Workers:

Mr. Garland and Mr. Hanson have been holding meetings recently in nearly every part of this Constituency and I

am sure you all feel that our organization really is worth while and that we, as individuals, must do our bit to make it more effective. Now such an organization must have funds in order to function properly.

At our Convention in July held in Strathmore it was voted to charge only twenty-five cents per member for annual dues for our Constituency. May I remind you that our fiscal year ends November 30th and we should try to get our 1928 dues in as soon as possible. You may send them direct, through your secretary, to the Head Office in Calgary, where they will be properly cared for.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. F. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Debating League Rules

Vegreville League Has Rules Which May Be Useful to Other Branches of Association

The debating league organized in Vegreville constituency, under the leadership of A. Lunan, Director, will use the following rules, adopted at the organization meeting held in Mundare in October:

The speakers in a debate must be members of the U.F.A. Local which they represent.

The debating team consists of two members.

Each speaker in a team is allowed 20 minutes to speak. The leader of the

affirmative has 3 minutes for rebuttal at the conclusion of the last speech by the negative. He is not allowed to introduce any fresh subject matter during that 3 minutes, however.

After a speaker has spoken for 17 minutes a bell will be rung to notify him that he has only 3 minutes more to speak. At the end of the 20 minute period the bell is again rung, when the speaker must conclude after he finishes the sentence he is in. The Leader of the affirmative, in his rebuttal speech, is warned by the bell one minute before conclusion.

There shall be three judges at each debate; one judge to be appointed by each team, or Local, and these two will choose a third.

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Foreign Affairs "None of Your Business"

Of Course Not—Not Until "the Guns Begin to Shoot"—Then They're Your Only Business

From John Bull, London, England

What the editor of *John Bull* has to say about the British Foreign Office applies, of course, in large measure to the equivalent departments of many other states—for instance, the United States, whose chief executive officer, as the writer points out, considers the United States' war with a Central American people is "none of the business" of the ordinary citizen.

As the British General Maurice has said: "If you prepare for war, thoroughly and efficiently, you will get war." It is the business of British and United States and Canadian citizens to see that we do not "get war." We cannot control the military budgets of other states, but we can check the present tendency to emulate their follies. And our young men can consider whether it would be worth their while to allow their country to be dragged into any war "to make the world safe for Dutch Shell Oil," or "for Standard Oil," or any similarly noble object.—Editor.

The Naval Pact is now nothing but an evil memory. It is dead and damned. The Foreign Office is damned, but not, unfortunately, dead. After being humiliated through perpetrating one of the biggest bungles any set of diplomats ever made, it is still apparently to be left to hatch some more pieces of incompetence untrammelled and unchecked.

Newspapers of every shade of political opinion have united to damn the Foreign Office. Perhaps the most biting comment was that of the *Evening Standard*, which said:

"We have been made to look remarkably foolish, and if there are any Machiavellian statesmen left in the world they must now be regarding our Foreign Office with the covetous expression of confidence men who note a rustic arrival in the lounge of a London hotel."

We are always told, of course, that foreign affairs are sacred to the Foreign Office, though why on earth the people of this country should be content year after year to let a handful of very ordinary men play with their lives as though they were

pawns we have never been able to understand.

There is a striking lesson to be learnt from a little incident that happened recently in America. During the trouble between the United States and Nicaragua a group of young University students informed President Coolidge that in their opinion the bombing of the citizens of a neighboring State did not seem to them compatible with the Kellogg campaign for the outlawry of war.

The students were promptly informed that foreign affairs were none of their business. Really? But suppose war had broken out. These same young men would soon have found that foreign affairs were very much their business. They would, in fact, have been made to take part in them whether they knew anything about them or not.

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again that there was no Naval Pact with France, that even if there were it was only a very little one, and that in any case it was none of our business.

We quickly found out that there was a Naval Pact and that it was not at all a little one, and it was so much our business that, had it gone through undetected and unexposed, it would have meant fastening the terrific burden of taxation for armaments on the necks of the taxpayers for generations without any hope of relief.

That is the point we are always insisting on—that although these matters are talked of in Whitehall in hushed breath as "foreign affairs," as though they were the Holy of Holies into which the common man might not tread with his vulgar feet, yet they are at bottom only the very ordinary relations of one nation with another, which if they go smoothly mean prosperity at home, and if they go badly mean poverty and depression and less money to take home at the end of the week.

What happened to the young students in America has happened to us in this country before and may well happen again. Foreign affairs are none of our business until war breaks out—and then they are not only our business, they are apparently our sole business!

A democracy has no right to call itself a democracy until it has evolved a satisfactory method of keeping as vigilant an eye on the way its affairs with other nations are conducted as it does on the way its own domestic politics are handled.

PREPARE WINTER PROGRAM

"The regular monthly meeting of the Local was held at the home of T. H. Howes, all officers and nearly all members being present. The committee on the winter program presented their report, which featured a series of social events throughout the winter, beginning with a big card party and pie social on November 23rd. The report was adopted. A spirited discussion arose re the present banking system, and a committee was appointed to arrange a further study of this subject. After transacting considerable further business and partaking of a sumptuous repast, the Local adjourned till December 14th. The next meeting will be held at the home of Chas. Dowdell."—Wetaskiwin Times.

Late U.F.W.A. News

TEA AT STETTLER

"We had a tea on Saturday last, which netted our funds \$14.75. The fact that the Wheat Pool were holding a meeting at the same place helped quite a little."—Mrs. J. H. Drysdale, secretary Stettler U.F.W.A. Local.

SPRING RIDGE SUPPER

Spring Ridge U.F.W.A. Local recently gave a bean supper and program in the Community Hall. There was a large crowd, states Mrs. R. F. Duffield, secretary, and the proceeds amounted to almost \$200, of which \$75 came from raffling two quilts.

RAISE MONEY FOR HALL

Raising of money to pay for the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Hall has occupied most of the energies of Tees U.F.W.A., according to a report from Mrs. S. Hanes, secretary. In this they have been very successful, although there are few members, many of the old members having moved too far away to attend.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

"Public ownership so far as power development is concerned will, it is stated, be one of the outstanding matters that will be discussed at the forthcoming Convention of the U.F.A. which will be held at Edmonton in January next. It is a big question and one worthy of serious consideration on the part of all citizens of Alberta."—High River Times.

ESTABLISH NEWSPAPER

The French-Canadian Association of Alberta plan the establishment of a newspaper of their own, to be named *La Survivance*. It is proposed to publish weekly, commencing in December.

"IN THE MIDST OF MANKIND"

(By MAXIM GORKI)

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NEWS FROM THE DAIRY POOL HEAD OFFICE

TO FORM UNIT OF DAIRY POOL AT INNISFAIL

At a public meeting held on November 19th, it was decided to form a unit of the Provincial Dairy Pool at Innisfail, and a provisional board was elected, consisting of H. E. Shenfield, J. Newsham, H. A. Malcolm, R. Pye and B. R. Center.

H. E. Shenfield, the first speaker, said that probably the first attempt at co-operative marketing in the Province was made in Innisfail, back in the 90's. Later, private companies with capital at their disposal had ousted the co-operative creamery from the field. Mr. Shenfield traced the history of co-operative dairying in the Province to the present.

Premier Brownlee, the next speaker, was accorded a splendid reception. Mr. Brownlee strongly advocated co-operation of all kinds. He referred to some of the difficulties facing the Government, and the many demands made upon its limited revenue. Other matters of Provincial concern were touched upon.

J. R. Love, M.L.A., sketched the history of the dairy industry in the western States, and urged Alberta farmers to give consideration to more diversified farming. He dealt with defects in the Dairy Pool organization in the past; under the new arrangements the success already achieved satisfied him that a true course had been laid. The support being given to Pool creameries was gratifying. He felt sure the success of the Alix unit could be duplicated at Innisfail.

The folly of the present situation at Innisfail, with two creameries operating side by side where there was only sufficient support to make one profitable, was pointed out by Mr. Larson, of Alix. Some one was paying the cost and, he assured the audience, it was not the manufacturer.

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